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FORTY-FIRST 

Annual Report

OF THE

CITY OF BIDDEFORD,

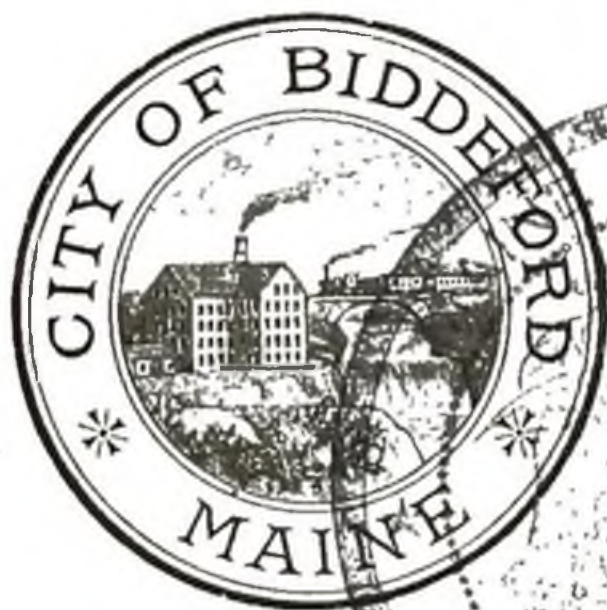
FOR THE

**Fiscal Year Ending January 31,
1896,**

Including the Inaugural Address of Mayor

CARLOS HEARD,

And Other Reports of Interest to the City.



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23592 Inaugural Address

of

Carlos Heard, Mayor,

Delivered before the City Council of the

City of Biddeford in Joint Convention,

March 16, 1896.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

We have assembled to take the oath of office required by law, and assume our duties as members of this board.

It is the duty of the mayor to communicate to you such information and recommend such measures as the interest of the city requires.

The time has been so short since election that I have been unable to inform myself of the condition of the different departments as well as I ought, and I am not prepared to make recommendations that I may when better informed.

The financial condition of the city is the most important matter which I shall call your attention to. The taxpayers' ballots said on Monday last by a very decided majority, that there must be a stop to the reckless expenditures that have been carried on during the past administration, and when I say reckless I think it is a mild expression to apply to the condition of affairs in which we find ourselves at this time.

The money for the support of our city government comes from the taxes assessed on polls and property in our city, and the taxpayers know how much they pay and how hard it is to get the money to pay with, and they ought and should know how their money is expended. That is the right of every taxpayer. Let us bear this in mind during the coming municipal year. The valuation of the city last year was the highest ever reached, and the rate of taxation the highest ever known. It was doubtless a great burden in many cases and all hoped for a reduced rate this year, but in view of the city's finances this cannot be, if the several departments of the city are to be properly maintained.

The city treasurer's statement shows the interest bearing debt of the city on the 31st of January, 1896, to be \$486,300; it consists of bonds and notes, viz: bonds \$240,000, notes, \$246,300, making the total of \$486,300.

This does not by any means represent the entire indebtedness of the city, as you will see by the treasurer's report that the sum of \$29,338.53 (being the amount expended on city building in the past year over and above the appropriation of \$45,000 and insurance received of \$12,000) is brought forward as one of our resources and must be paid by the incoming administration.

Since this statement was made Jan. 31, 1896, the close of the last municipal year, the treasurer has paid the sum of \$41,287.43 on liabilities contracted mostly before that date.

There are also in the city clerk's office unpaid bills and warrants to the amount of \$12,000 and there are still

further bills and contracts on the city building that are not paid of \$17,000 besides any contracts that the committee have attempted to make since election, and when the bills are all in I have no doubt they will amount to at least \$25,000 in unpaid bills on city building alone up to the present time, all of which should properly be charged to the last administration. You add these various sums to the amount of our debt as shown by the treasurer's report and instead of a debt of \$486,000 we have a debt of nearly if not quite and I think it will come fully up to \$600,000. This is the condition in which we find the finances of our city today.

The cost of the city building to date, including the lot bought, is \$114,672.01. Now this represents only what has actually been paid in bills up to March 1, and does not include the amount due on contracts, etc., which I called your attention to in the above. So you see if you add to the amount already paid out for city building, the amount of the bills which have already been contracted but are not paid, it will show that the building as it stands today, unfurnished (except the opera house) will have cost not less than \$140,000 and probably nearer \$150,000. I give you here a statement of the treasurer, Mr. Moody, giving the standing of the city at the close of the municipal year, January 31, 1896, also statement in detail of all monies paid out by him since Jan. 31, 1896, and in what departments they were paid.

STATEMENT JANUARY 31, 1896, AS PER TREASURERS BOOKS.

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand,	\$2,449 77
Due from tax of 1890,	1,499 38
“ “ “ 1891,	4,303 95
“ “ “ 1892,	1,291 96
“ “ “ 1893,	2,564 56
“ “ “ 1894,	1,162 28
“ “ “ 1895,	27,256 12
“ “ School tax of 1890,	402 81
“ “ “ “ 1891.	583 99
“ “ Non-Resident tax of 1884,	11 50
“ “ “ “ 1885,	9 90
“ “ “ “ 1886,	18 90
“ “ “ “ 1887,	18 90
“ “ “ “ 1888,	59 23
“ “ “ “ 1889,	43 70
“ “ “ “ 1890,	41 98
“ “ “ “ 1891,	39 65
“ “ “ “ 1892,	36 60
“ “ “ “ 1893,	36 60
“ “ “ “ 1894,	39 60
Bounty on seals,	14 00
City building,	29,388 53
Balance Account,	415,026 09

\$486,300 00

LIABILITIES.

City bonds,	\$240,000 00
Bills payable, notes,	221,300 00
Temporary loan (in anticipation of taxes, 1895)	25,000 00

\$486,300 00

SINCE JAN. 31, 1896, PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AS FOLLOWS :

Abatement of taxes,	\$ 610 45
Bridges,	133 45

City of Biddeford.

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City building,	18,769 88
City cemetery,	22 50
Fire department,	1,443 86
General expense,	2,443 32
Health department,	64 75
Hydrants,	87 50
Highways, district No. 4,	820 86
" Fortunes Rocks district,	41 50
" Kennebunk road "	28 00
" Newtown "	17 87
" Oak Ridge "	6 00
" Hollis road "	8 75
" Pool "	65 23
" River road, Eastern Division,	42 52
" " Western "	4 37
" Ward 7, Eastern "	722 29
Insane,	102 65
Interest,	3,834 74
Macadamizing,	34 75
Office rent,	164 00
Pauper department,	3,069 51
Police "	735 08
Salaries,	870 37
Schools,	5,742 84
Sewers and drains,	11 60
Sidewalks,	652 37
Street lights,	736 12
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	\$41,287 13

CHAS. A. MOODY, Treasurer.

Biddeford, March 13, 1896.

Last month the city council voted to authorize the treasurer to borrow an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the same to be paid by the present administration from the taxes of the present year.

Acting under this order the city treasurer has al-

ready been obliged to borrow the sum of \$90,000 for which the notes of the city have been given, and this entire sum has already been expended by taking up a note which came over from last year of \$25,000 and the balance for bills on city building and other expenses.

This statement shows that the present administration must not only bear its own burden but also the additional burden of more than \$100,000 already expended by the last administration, and I am well satisfied that the amount expended will largely exceed this sum.

But in view of some uncertainty on this part and not wishing to avoid any responsibility that may properly belong to this administration, I think it our duty to the public that before any appropriations are made, the exact condition of the city's finances should be ascertained; and in order that this may be done I would recommend that a committee of three citizens in whom the public will have the fullest confidence, without regard to party association and not connected with this or the past administration, be appointed to make a full examination of the financial condition of the city and report at their earliest opportunity; and on their report we could act intelligently in making the appropriations for the municipal year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our very efficient fire department should be kept up in good condition, and I am informed by the chief that there has been no hose purchased for the past two years, and I think there is great need of 1,000 feet of new hose and I believe it is good economy to buy it at once.

SCHOOLS.

And I will say that I believe there are none better in the state. They must be kept up to their present high standard, but in view of our financial condition, I would urge the school committee to make an effort to reduce expenses in any way that would not be injurious to the interest of the schools.

BRIDGES.

The recent floods destroyed the Bradbury bridge, the Seavey bridge at Dayton line and the Swan Pond bridge, and damaged all of the others more or less but we cannot tell how much until the water gets lower. Of course we must have bridges, but it is impossible now to tell what the cost will be.

STREETS.

In the street department we must get along with what is absolutely necessary to keep the streets safe and in good condition.

SIDEWALKS.

I would recommend the laying of all the brick sidewalks that our finances will allow, as in my judgment there is no money spent in improvements that the people get so good returns from as they do in good brick sidewalks.

PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

In regard to our pauper department, I would recommend that at the next session of the Legislature we try and have the law changed so that instead of a board of three overseers of the poor, it be put into the hands of one man and he be paid a sufficient salary so that he can give his whole time and attention to these

matters and be under the control of the board of aldermen, subject to removal at any time for cause.

In other cities this plan has worked so admirably that they would never think of returning to the old system, and we think under the new system there might be a large saving in the expense of this department and all deserving persons properly cared for.

I would also recommend that an ordinance be adopted by the city council providing for the election of a city auditor and that his duties be clearly set forth therein; although this would increase the salary list, I think it would be for the best interest of the city.

I am informed that the city has paid some \$800 the past year for surveying streets. This is a matter that in our financial condition ought to be dispensed with the present year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

At a late hour Saturday evening, the report of the board of police commissioners was handed me, and which will appear in full in the city's reports. I have had no time for examination, but there is one feature which I note that is very gratifying and that is the expenses of this department have been kept within the appropriation. The total expenses for the past municipal year according to this report are \$6,832.55.

In the different departments we would call your especial attention to this fact, that no matter what the amount of the appropriations are in each department, you are expected and will be required to keep the expenditures of each and every department within the appropriations made for that department, for the coming

municipal year, and the head of each department will be held accountable.

In conclusion I will say if we conduct the city affairs in a business manner and practice rigid economy in all departments, we can reduce the expenses of the city to a considerable extent. Unless we do this we shall fail to meet the expectations of the people who placed us here.

Results are what we want, not promises.

CARLOS HEARD.

Government of the City of Biddeford

For 1896-7.

Mayor,
Hon. Carlos Heard.

City Clerk, Wm. P. Freeman.

Aldermen,

PRESIDENT, - - W. E. YOULAND.

Ward 1, George F. Piper.

Ward 2, John B. Lowell.

Ward 3, J. Byron Campbell.

Ward 4, Joseph Chamberlin.

Ward 5, Joseph Gooch.

Ward 6, Denis Murphy.

Ward 7, W. E. Youland.

Common Councilmen.

PRESIDENT, - - G. P. LITTLEFIELD.

CLERK, - - - CLARENCE GOVE.

Ward 1, Benjamin F. Davis, Rufus D. Haines,
Albert Goldthwaite.

Ward 2, Philip Tetrault, P. A. Freeman,
Frank W. Jones.

Ward 3, Edward Rennick, Jr., Levi H. Howe,
 Onesime Nadeau.

Ward 4, N. E. Kimball, William Lumb,
 David O. Jeanson.

Ward 5, A. P. Simard, Andrew J. Dolliff,
 Samuel J. Bassford.

Ward 6, E. L. Cowan, Napoleon B. Osgood,
 Gilman P. Littlefield.

Ward, 7, Caleb J. Emery, Edward E. Chadbourne,
Garrett Meeds, Jr.

Wardens, 1, James L. Libby; 2, John Munday; 3, Sumner R. Fowler; 4, Silas P. Adams; 5, John E. H. Townsend; 6, Frank B. Harris; 7, Charles T. Read.

Ward Clerks, 1, Louis H. Staples; 2, Chas. S. Waterhouse;
3, John J. Traynor; 4, Thomas W. A. Smith;
5, Everett M. Staples; 6, Robert M. Tap-
ley; 7, Samuel F. Parcher.

Treasurer, Chas. A. Moody.

Collector of Taxes, Henry G. Hutchinson.

City Solicitor, John M. Goodwin.

Judge of Municipal Court, Charles H. Prescott.

Recorder of Municipal Court, Gorham N. Weymouth.

City Marshal, Charles B. Harmon.

City Physician, Dr. John Lord.

Chief Engineer of Fire Department, John Leonard.

First Assistant Engineer, Benjamin Goodier.

Second Assistant Engineer, Fred A. Shaw.

Janitor, Kenneth W. Sutherland.

Harbor Master, Daniel Goldthwaite.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Onesime E. Cote.

Assessors, Lucius H. Kendall, Ludger J. Renouf,
Irving Smith.

Overseers of Poor, Michael Conlan, Geo. W. Carter,
Simon Palardy.

Board of Health, William F. Libby, John Foye,
Fred L. Davis.

Inspector of Buildings, Edward C. Stone.

Superintendent of Burials, Elisha Ayer.

City Weighers, E. E. Small, J. P. Gendron,
Geo. E. Morrison, Geo. L. Griffin,
Geo. B. Cutter.

Secretary and Supt. of Schools, Royal E. Gould, A. M.

Superintending School Committee,

John Lord, G. P. Littlefield, Anthony Dwyer,
Joseph Shevenell, Albert T. Goodwin, John F.
Goldthwaite, Edwin J. Cram, John E. H.
Townsend, Frederick Greene.

Street Commissioners,

District No. 4, Daniel H. B. Hooper.

River Road, Western Division, Nahum Huntress.

“ “ Eastern Division, John N. Haley.

Pool District, George Drown.

Fortunes Rocks District, Daniel M. Tarbox.

Newtown District, Wm. H. Patten.

Oak Ridge District, Clarence S. Joy.

Ward 7, Eastern Division, Asa L. Ricker.

“ Western Division, Thomas D. Suhr.

“ Northern Division, James A. Hooper.

“ Hollis Road Division, Dennis S. Hill.

Kennebunk Road District, George Marcille.

Joint Standing Committees.

FINANCE.

The Mayor,	Councilman G. P. Littlefield,
Alderman Denis Murphy,	“ Philip Tetrault,
	“ Samuel J. Bassford.

ACCOUNTS.

Alderman Joseph Gooch,	Councilman Edw. E. Chadbourne,
	“ Napoleon B. Osgood.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Mayor,	Councilman Caleb J. Emery,
Alderman John B. Lowell,	“ E. L. Cowan,
	“ Frank W. Jones.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY.

The Mayor,	Councilman E. L. Cowan,
Alderman W. E. Youland,	“ G. P. Littlefield,
	“ P. A. Freeman.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman, John B. Lowell,	Councilman Garrett Meeds, Jr.,
“ Geo. F. Piper,	“ Andrew J. Dolliff,
	“ Levi H. Howe.

PRINTING.

Alderman Jos. Chamberlin,	Councilman Edw. E. Chadbourne,
	“ Philip Tetrault.

ORDINANCES.

The Mayor,	Councilman Albert Goldthwaite,
	“ Rufus D. Haines.

STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS.

The Mayor,	Councilman S. J. Bassford,
Alderman Joseph Gooch,	“ Andrew J. Dolliff,
“ Denis Murphy,	“ A. P. Simard,
	“ N. E. Kimball.

POOR.

The Mayor,	Councilman Caleb J. Emery,
Alderman W. E. Youland,	“ Wm. Lumb.
“ J. Byron Campbell.	

Standing Committees.

Board of Aldermen.

ELECTIONS.

Alderman Murphy,
“ Gooch,
“ Piper.

POLICE.

The Mayor, Alderman Youland,
“ Chamberlin.

LICENSES.

The Mayor. Alderman Lowell,
“ Murphy,
“ Campbell,

Board of Common Councilmen.

ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

Councilman Emery,
“ Jones,
“ Nadeau.

ENROLLED BILLS.

Councilman Bassford,
“ Tetrault,
“ Goldthwaite.

City Treasurer's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the city for the year ending January 31, 1896.

Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1895,	\$ 4,280 83
Received from all sources,	559,172 59
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	\$563,453 42
Total payments for the year,	\$561,003 65
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1896,	2,449 77
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	\$563,453 42

A statement of receipts and expenditures in detail will be found appended herewith.

DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM THE CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 31, 1895 to JANUARY 31, 1896.

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Balance, cash on hand Jan. 31, 1895,	\$ 4,280 83	
Abatement of taxes,		\$ 136 00
" " for year 1889,		3 81
" " " 1890,		3 81
" " " 1891,		7 66
" " " 1892,		26 65
" " " 1893,		1,532 22
" " " 1894,		1,111 32
" " " 1895,		836 01
Bounty on seals,		14 00

Bills payable,	85,000 00	75,000 00
Bridges,		1,023 83
City bonds,	25,000 00	25,000 00
City building,	12,088 60	86,477 13
City building lot,	575 00	10,000 00
City cemetery,	8 00	314 69
City library,	103 05	824 32
Contingent fund,	20 00	4,916 00
County tax for 1895,		7,801 71
Discount on taxes,		9,913 29
Dog license,	620 77	225 00
Fire department,	729 00	10,880 30
General expense,	693 15	13,217 66
Health department,		854 97
Highways, district No. 4,	16 98	6,076 40
" Beach road,		4 38
" Fortunes Rocks district,		403 26
" Hollis road "		280 54
" Kennebunk road "		200 86
" Newtown "		322 20
" Oak Ridge "		298 73
" Pool "		323 46
" River road, Eastern division,		383 36
" " " Western "		605 41
" Ward 7, Northern "		224 85
" " 7, Eastern "		1,402 79
" " 7, Western "		575 47
Hydrants,		94 87
Insane,		3,047 12
Interest,	959 58	21,057 84
Macadamizing,		3,932 22
Office rent,		1,361 75
Pauper department,		17,607 05
Police "		6,865 55
Road roller,		1,600 85
Salaries,		10 263 35
Sewers and drains,		3,989 63

Sidewalks,		2,978 63
State pensions,	1,068 00	1,068 00
State tax for 1895,		20,240 09
Street lights,		8,581 30
Street survey,		584 37
Schools,	289 00	38,917 60
School fund and mill tax for 1895,	11,478 07	
Tax of 1875,	145 60	
" 1876,	312 93	
" 1881,	19 47	
" 1890,	200 00	
" 1891,	2,700 00	
" 1892,	1,900 00	
" 1893,	12,700 00	
" 1894,	21,000 00	
" 1895,	203,000 00	
School tax of 1890,	1,200 00	
" " 1891,	1,900 00	
Taxes from non-residents,	304 39	
Railroad and telegraph tax for 1895,	141 00	
Temporary loan in anticipation of taxes for 1895,	175,000 00	150,000 00
Westbrook bridge,		7,591 34
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1896,		2,449 77
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	\$563,453 42	563,453 42

STATEMENT SHOWING RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES AT CLOSE OF
FISCAL YEAR, ENDING JANUARY 31, 1896.

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand,		\$ 2,449 77
Due from tax of 1890, Geo. A. Berry, collector,		1,499 38
" " 1891, " " "		4,303 95
" " 1892, Jas. A. Strout, " "		1,291 96
" " 1893, " " "		2,564 56
" " 1894, Jean B. Pare, " "		1,162 28

Due from tax of 1895, Jean B. Pare, Collector,	27,256 12
“ School tax, 1890, Geo. A. Berry, “	402 81
“ “ 1891, “ “ “	583 99
“ non-res. tax, 1884, in hands of city treas.,	11 50
“ “ “ 1885, “ “	9 90
“ “ “ 1886, “ “	18 90
“ “ “ 1887, “ “	18 90
“ “ “ 1888, “ “	59 23
“ “ “ 1889, “ “	43 70
“ “ “ 1890, “ “	41 98
“ “ “ 1891, “ “	39 65
“ “ “ 1892, “ “	36 60
“ “ “ 1893, “ “	36 60
“ “ “ 1894, “ “	39 60

Bounty on seals to be paid by the State treasurer, 14 00

City building, amount expended above the appropriation for 1895, 29,388 53

Balance account, 415,026 09

\$486,300 00

LIABILITIES.

City bonds, \$240,000 00

Bills payable, 221,300 00

Temporary loan, in anticipation of taxes for 1895, 25,000 00

\$486,300 00

CITY BONDS OUTSTANDING.

Due July 1, 1897, 4 per cent., \$25,000 00

“ “ 2, 1897, 4 “ 20,000 00

“ May 1, 1900, 4 1-2 “ 25,000 00

“ July 1, 1901, 4 “ 25,000 00

“ May 15, 1904, 4 “ 50,000 00

“ “ 15, 1905, 4 “ 50,000 00

“ Sept. 1, 1906, 4 “ 10,000 00

“ July 1, 1907, 4 “ 10,000 00

“ May 1, 1915, 4 “ 25,000 00

\$240,000 00

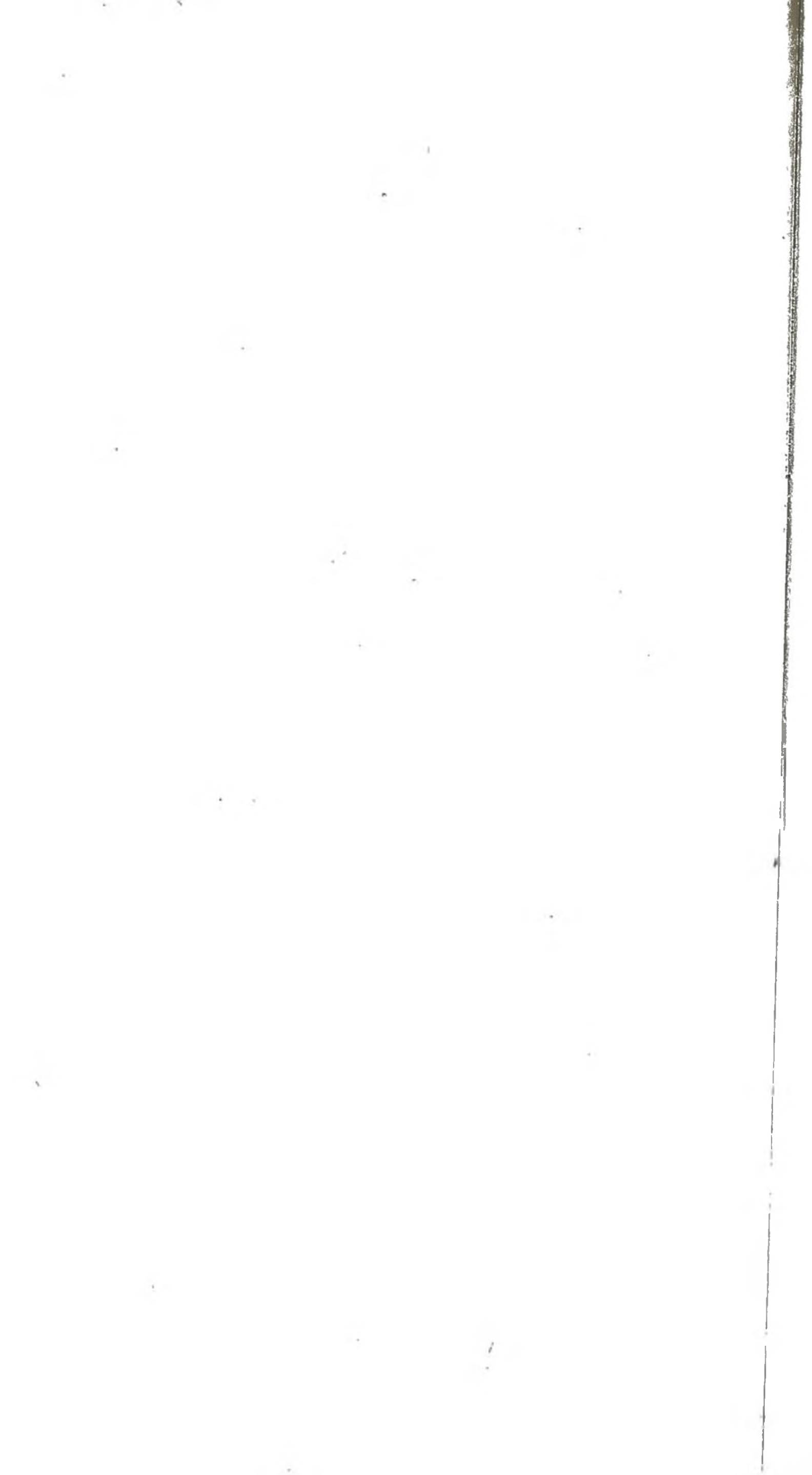
Table showing valuation and indebtedness of the city of Biddeford from 1883 to and including January 31, 1896 :

Year	Assessors' Valuation	Outstanding Bonds and notes.	Close of Muni- cipal year ending
1883	\$5,777,582 00	\$248,025 00	January 31, 1884
1884	6,008,682 00	255,625 00	" 31, 1885
1885	5,981,382 00	273,075 00	" 31, 1886
1886	5,921,417 00	325,925 00	" 31, 1887
1887	5,958,332 00	411,925 00	" 31, 1888
1888	6,067,005 00	412,925 00	" 31, 1889
1889	6,218,380 00	455,425 00	" 31, 1890
1890	6,307,630 00	401,956 00	" 31, 1891
1891	6,385,395 00	404,956 00	" 31, 1892
1892	6,390,040 00	407,655 00	" 31, 1893
1893	6,412,230 00	421,200 00	" 31, 1894
1894	6,567,170 00	451,300 00	" 31, 1895
1895	6,793,573 00	*486,300 00	" 31, 1896

* The increase in the "Outstanding Bonds and Notes" is largely due from the fact that a little more than \$29,000 was expended on the new City building aside from the amount of the appropriation for the year, and for which sum the money was borrowed to be paid for out of the amount to be appropriated for 1896, the architect and building committee thinking it best to do this rather than leave the building in an unfinished state and exposed to the weather during the winter months.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES A. MOODY, Treasurer.



Tax Collector's Report.

BIDDEFORD, ME., FEB. 1, 1896.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford.

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit my report as Collector of Taxes of the city of Biddeford for the fiscal year 1895-6.

In my report of February 1st, 1895, I stated that on \$167,371.08 which had been committed to me by the assessors of 1894 to collect for that year, I had to that date collected including the discount, the sum of \$145,148.64. Besides that I had collected the sum of \$5.61, as interest, from December 1st 1894 to that date.

Since February 1st, 1895, to this present date, I have collected, including abatements given, \$20,953.85. I also have besides that amount a receipt from the treasurer for two hundred and eight dollars and eighty cents for real estate taxes of non-resident owners which I had to transfer to him, according to law. The above sums added together make a total of \$166,311.29 out of \$167,371.08. It leaves, therefore, a balance uncollected at this date for 1894 of \$1,059.79.

The amount of interest collected since February 1st, 1895, to this present date is \$925.40, added to \$5.61, collected to February 1st, 1895, amounts to \$931.01. Of the above sums I have turned over to the treasurer on taxes, including his receipt of \$208.80, \$166,208.80, and for interest \$900.00, as per receipts in the hands of the city clerk. The balance I have in the bank but not yet turned over.

I also herewith submit the following report of the amount collected on taxes of 1895 to this date :

Amount of City Tax for the year 1895, committed to me for collection,

\$198,779 00

Amount of County Tax,	7,801 71
“ State “	20,240 09
“ to overlay,	3,435 32
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Total amount of taxes committed,	\$230,256 12
Amounts collected under section 3, chapter 6, of the Ordinances of the City as amended September 24, 1894. Amount collected under said section to November 7th, 1895,	\$188,843 88
Amount collected from November 7th, to Decem- ber 7th, 1895,	2,652 21
Amount collected from December 7th, 1895, to January 31, 1896, included,	1,994 19
Amount of interest received from December 7th, 1895, to January 31, 1896, included,	8 60
Discount on taxes from October 7th to Novem- ber 7th, 1895,	9,913 29
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Total amount received,	\$203,412 17
In taking out \$8.60 received for interest it leaves the amount of taxes including the discount to have been received, \$203,403.57.	
Amount of taxes committed,	\$230,256 12
Amount of taxes and discount received,	203,403 57
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Balance of taxes uncollected Feb. 1, 1896,	\$26,852 55
Amount turned over to treasurer up to this date is \$203,000.00. It leaves me with a balance in the bank and in cash not yet turned over, \$403.57.	

Very respectfully,

JEAN B. PARE, JR.,

Collector for 1894-5-6.

Appropriations, Receipts and Expenditures.

	Appropriations and Credits on which warrants have been drawn by mayor.	Expended by warrants drawn.	Unexpended.	Overdrafts.
Bridges,	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 677 14	\$ 322 86	\$ 128 83
Abatements,		128 83		
Fire Department,	9,729 00	8,810 44	918 56	
General Expense,	7,693 15	11,375 63		3,682 48
Highways, Dist. No. 4,	6,016 98	6,170 23		153 25
Oak Ridge Dist.,	300 00	321 10		21 10
New Town Dist.,	250 00	349 85		99 85
Pool Dist.,	350 00	361 49		11 49
River Road E. Div.,	300 00	329 84		29 84
River Road W. Div.,	400 00	478 22		78 22
Ward 7 E. Div.,	700 00	1,263 86		563 86
Ward 7 W. Div.,	400 00	581 21		181 21
F. Rocks Dist.,	250 00	389 29		139 29
Kennebunk Road Dist.,	200 00	168 86	31 14	
Ward 7 N. Div.,	200 00	183 20	16 80	
Beach Road,	100 00		100 00	
Hollis Road,	300 00	282 91	17 09	
Macadamizing,	4,000 00	4,035 09		35 09
Sewers and Drains,	4,000 00	3,851 79	148 21	
Sidewalks,	3,000 00	3,140 89		140 89
Street Lights,	9,000 00	8,590 20	409 80	
Street Survey,	800 00	364 50	435 50	
Pauper dept.,	12,000 00	16,748 82		4,748 82
Insane Dept.,	3,000 00	3,066 77		66 77
Salaries,	9,650 00	10,718 35		1,068 35
Health Dept.,	700 00	888 47		188 47
Schools,	32,267 07	36,117 95		3,850 88
Contingent Fund,	5,020 05	4,636 00	384 05	
City Library,	353 05	793 32		440 27
Hydrants,	1,600 00	1,697 27		97 27
Westbrook Bridge,	3,000 00	7,466 99		4,466 99
Road Roller,	1,500 00	1,600 85		100 85
Free Text Books,	500 00		500 00	
Interest,	24,989 58	21,057 84	3,931 74	
City Building,	57,083 60	86,950 09		29,866 49
Discount,	6,000 00	9,913 29		3,913 29
City Cemetery,	308 00	278 16		29 84
Office Rent,	1,200 00			118 90
City Building Lot,	10,575 00	10,000 00	575 00	

Total amount of money paid out on warrants drawn by Mayor Hamilton for the municipal year,		\$263,788 74
Total credits to draw from less appropriation for Police department,		218,735 48
Total amount overdrawn, including for City Building,		54,214 59
For City Building,	\$29,866 49	
For Schools,	3,850 88	
For Westbrook Bridge,	4,466 99	
For Discount on Taxes,	3,913 29	
Total,	42,097 65	
Amount of credits unexpended,		\$7,790 75

General Expense.

J. B. Pare, Treas. L'Observateur, printing,	\$ 8 00
George H. Gilman, rent,	15 50
B. & M. R. R., freight,	48
Napoleon Martel, abatement,	3 25
Thomas Godard, damage and loss,	10 00
H. Fairfield, Atty, rent,	25 00
H. Fairfield, rent,	9 00
J. O. Lord, use of team,	5 50
J. G. Garland, rent,	10 00
J. G. Garland, rent,	9 00
J. G. Garland, express,	2 80
J. G. Garland, labor,	25 15
R. F. Jelleson, trucking and labor,	30 00
Mrs. Joseph Young, labor,	1 50
Carrie Goodwin, services,	2 50
E. C. Stone, services,	11 96
N. E. & T. Co., services,	3 05
American Express, services,	35
Wooton Desk Co., boxes for desk,	5 50
York Light & Heat Co., light,	8 33
Thomas B. Mosher, supplies,	117 00
C. H. Prescott, printing,	103 80
C. H. Prescott, printing,	110 00
Alonzo Mitchell, services,	6 00
Geo. H. Hussey, services,	3 00
B. & S. Water Co., water,	55 00
American Express, express,	1 25
E. C. Stone, labor, repairs,	3 53
Willis Winship, labor,	14 00
E. C. Stone, labor,	12 98

E. C. Stone, labor in office,	36 01
E. Rennick, Jr., labor,	21 00
Saco River Lumber Co., lumber,	2 40
Francis L. Winch, printing,	9 50
J. B. Murphy, material,	60
N. W. Kendall, supplies,	34 39
A. Jones & Son, material and repairs,	49 35
S. River Lumber Co., lumber,	22 24
S. River Lumber Co., lumber,	2 09
York Light & Heat Co., repairs,	2 00
York Light & Heat Co., lighting,	7 14
C. A. Wakefield, committee work,	32 50
J. B. Murphy, material,	3 76
York Light & Heat Co., light,	4 66
J. B. Farrington, board of boys, R. school,	44 71
Anthoine & Irish, labor and material,	25 10
Thomas B. Mosher, supplies,	137 75
Biddeford Journal, printing,	128 25
Biddeford Journal, printing,	65 15
Biddeford Journal, supplies and printing,	100 50
Francis L. Winch, printing,	46 00
Joseph Shevenell, copying,	49 50
Thomas B. Mosher, supplies,	2 50
Michel Discoteaux, services,	7 00
A. T. Goodwin, labor and material,	6 50
E. Rennick, Jr., labor,	7 00
A. T. Goodwin, labor and material,	5 00
Traders' Express, expressing,	15
Justin M. Leavitt, services, fees,	52
Justin M. Leavitt, fees,	1 25
W. A. Foss, supplies,	38 34
Hardy Machine Co., door and lock,	16 00
Hardy Machine Co., tube cleaner,	3 00
Willis Roberts, printing,	6 50
American Express Co., expressing,	60
Libby & Etchells, supplies,	1 25
B. & M. R. R., frieght,	25

E. Rennick, Jr., labor,	14 00
Jere G. Shaw, P. M., supplies,	43 60
Thomas Laughlin Co., fall and tackle,	28 50
L. N. Verrill, clerical work and copying,	35 00
Jere G. Shaw, supplies,	15 40
Jos. Etchells, Jr., committee work,	10 00
Dr. F. S. Warren, services,	25 00
J. E. Edwards, serving notices,	1 00
W. T. Bardsley, supplies,	4 20
W. T. Bardsley, supplies,	2 50
W. T. Bardsley, supplies,	6 60
Peltier Bros., ice,	8 00
J. G. Garland, rent,	10 00
H. Fairfield, Atty., rent,	25 00
J. G. Garland, rent,	9 00
H. Fairfield, Atty, rent,	9 00
E. C. Luques, coal,	23 00
Hill & Burnham, coal,	6 50
Hill & Burnham, coal,	15 63
E. C. Luques, coal,	6 50
Michael Hussey, committee work,	32 50
John F. Goldthwaite, services,	25 00
F. G. Warren, services,	4 41
Willis T. Roberts, printing,	47 25
C. B. Harmon, truant officer,	50 00
L'Observateur, printing,	26 00
Edward J. Rennick, labor,	7 00
Edward Rennick, Jr., labor,	35 00
Willis Roberts, printing,	3 00
E. J. Rice, labor,	3 75
R. D. Haines, painting and material,	74 85
James Mogan, truant officer,	50 00
Napoleon Ducharme, truant officer,	50 00
S. L. Boynton, rent,	25 00
William Sweetser, labor and material,	10 34
C. E. Allen, ice,	4 00
W. A. Foss, supplies,	1 50

John Hobbins, labor,	14 00
Heirs of Luther Bryant, rent,	25 00
John F. Goldthwaite, services,	45 00
Geo. F. Piper, labor,	9 00
S. R. Lumber Co., lumber,	7 00
E. Rennick, Jr., labor,	14 00
Dr. J. A. Lapointe, services,	57 50
George R. Andrews, Reg. board,	35 00
Saco R. Lumber Co., lumber,	4 26
N. B. Walker, Reg. board,	28 00
Traders' Express, express,	1 25
J. M. Deering, labor,	2 25
Will Woodman, serving Reg. board,	28 00
A. T. Goodwin, labor,	15 50
Arthur Galvin, ballot clerk,	3 00
J. O. Chenevert, M. D., vital statistics,	24 75
Hugh Allison, rent,	20 00
John Hobbins, labor,	88
F. B. Tarr, labor,	22 50
J. Byron Campbell, services,	10 00
Joseph Shevenell, serving reg. board,	14 00
H. A. Tarr, " "	14 00
Mott Staples, " "	14 00
W. I. Howard, rent,	18 00
W. U. T. & T. Co., telegraphing,	3 50
L. N. Verrill, clerical work,	42 00
Edgecomb Express, expressing,	2 25
C. A. Moody, two trips to Boston and one trip to Portland,	15 00
Hamilton & Cleaves, services,	25 00
York Light & Heat Co., Infantry hall,	8 33
Harry Hancock, labor,	3 00
Frank B. Tarr, "	3 00
Raymond Davis, "	3 00
Fred Goodwin, "	3 00
Benj. P. Ross, ballot clerk,	3 00
Mott Staples, "	3 00

Chas. H. Roberts,	"	3 00
C. W. Pierce,	"	3 00
John R. Staples,	"	3 00
C. O. Johnson,	"	3 00
Walter I. Gordon,	"	3 00
James A. Strout,	"	3 00
Adolph Simard,	"	3 00
Saml. C. Milliken,	"	3 00
Nath. Milliken,	"	3 00
Atwood F. Smith,	"	3 00
James L. Libby,	warden,	3 00
John O'Brien,	"	3 00
C. E. Richards,	"	3 00
George Smith,	"	3 00
S. F. Shaw,	"	3 00
F. D. Heiser,	"	3 00
Edwin E. Campbell,	"	3 00
Walter B. Stackpole,	ward clerk,	3 00
Leonard R. Hooper,	"	3 00
Thos. W. A. Smith,	"	3 00
Frank H. Cousins,	"	3 00
P. J. Rice,	"	3 00
D. Garnache,	"	3 00
A. H. Wardwell,	"	3 00
Philip Tetrault,	ballot clerk,	3 00
Danl. Goldthwait,	"	3 00
W. T. Emerson,	"	3 00
T. Hooper, Jr.,	"	3 00
Franklin Hanson,	"	3 00
C. S. Stimpson,	"	3 00
Joseph Quarter,	"	3 00
John M. Deering,	"	3 00
Joseph Shevenell,	"	3 00
Joseph Chamberlin,	"	3 00
Fred O. Small,	"	3 00
American Express, expressing,		1 20
L'Observateur, printing,		1 50

American Express, expressing,	50
Lyman Son & Co., blocks,	8 40
Union Block Co., rent,	15 00
Thomas Laughlin, Co., supplies,	36 30
N. W. Kendall, supplies,	4 91
Brooks Bros., supplies,	1 00
J. O. Lord, use of team,	9 00
Heirs of Luther Bryant, rent,	25 00
E. Rennick, Jr., labor,	14 00
C. E. Rumery, labor,	24 00
Mrs. Joseph Young, labor,	1 50
John Berry, supplies,	1 00
H. W. Warren, trucking,	9 21
Will H. Watson, printing,	3 50
Francis L. Winch, printing,	40 75
Francis L. Winch, printing,	79 50
Saco River Lumber Co., lumber,	18 91
Brooks Bros., supplies,	8 40
C. A. Moody, expense to Boston,	5 50
Harry L. Boardman, services,	3 00
Saco River Lumber Co., lumber,	18 91
J. A. Soulard, Reg. of D. & B.,	8 25'
Mrs. Kate Laffam, labor,	8 00
John Lord, M. D., return of D. & B.	10 25
L'Observateur Pub Co., printing,	11 75
Owners of Exchange block, Infantry hall,	87 50
J. F. Edmund, rent of store,	20 00
T. B. Mosher, supplies,	5 50
Atkinson Furnishing Co., supplies,	2 80
Atkinson Furnishing Co., supplies,	9 25
N. Thievierge, vital statistics,	15 75
Saco River Lumber Co., lumber,	1 85
W. U. Tel. Co., service,	1 26
Nelson Proulx, rent of store,	20 00
York Light & Heat Co., lighting,	8 33
York Light & Heat Co.,	1 01
R. F. Jelleson, labor on safe,	29 00

Southworth Bros., supplies,	2 50
American Express, service,	65
J. A. Farrington, Ref. school, board of boys,	52 00
Frank B. Tarr, labor,	11 00
Edgecomb Express, service,	1 25
E. E. Chadbourne, service,	9 15
F. C. Labonte, assistant assessor,	8 00
George C. Lebarge, “	20 00
Fred A. Little, “	12 00
Edward Rennick, Jr., labor,	21 00
Atkinson Furnishing Co., tables registration board,	4 95
York Light & Heat Co., light office,	11 80
“ “ Infantry hall,	6 20
“ “ office,	3 20
“ “ services F. committee,	25 00
D. Doyle, supplies,	2 95
B. & M. R. R., freight,	2 11
York Light & Heat Co., repair,	2 90
D. O. Jeanson, ballot clerk,	3 00
S. G. Twambly & Son, supplies,	5 15
C. J. Emery, return of births and deaths,	22 25
Louis H. Staples, assistant assessor,	28 00
J. G. Shaw, P. M., supplies,	8 00
J. G. Shaw, P. M., supplies,	32 70
American Express Co., expressing,	1 00
Francis L. Winch, printing,	26 00
Urbain Ledoux, serving asst. assessor,	35 00
E. C. Luques, coal,	3 65
“ “ coal offices,	5 54
“ “ coal offices,	18 00
Harry C. Boardman, serving assessor,	55 00
Joseph P. Dion, Jr., “ “	55 00
George H. Andrews, services,	18 75
W. U. Tel. Co., service,	1 34
A. T. Goodwin, labor,	7 75
Geo. C. Lebarge, assist. assessor,	25 00
Annie K. Pilsbury, copying returns to State Reg.,	75 00

N. E. T. & T. Co., service,	1 95
Wright Bardsley, services committee,	32 50
C. A. Wakefield, " "	32 50
Michael Hussey, " "	32 50
C. A. Moody, trip to Boston and Portland,	10 00
Hill & Burnham, coal station,	9 40
Hill & Burnham, coal, Infantry hall,	7 00
Nelson Larrabee, asst. assessor,	55 00
Joseph Chamberlin, "	55 00
Frank E. Hooper, "	125 00
Louis Stuart, "	65 00
Mott A. Staples, "	14 00
L. J. Renouf, making dog tax,	35 00
Francis L. Winch, printing,	12 75
S. G. Twambly & Son, gas fixtures,	7 25
T. B. Mosher, supplies,	11 50
Rufus D. Haines, labor and paint,	29 67
E. E. Chadbourne, services writing,	9 09
T. B. Mosher, supplies,	6 50
A. H. Burnham, labor,	2 00
S. G. Twambly & Son, supplies,	2 90
T. B. Mosher, supplies,	40 00
Edward Rennick, Jr., labor,	14 00
O. H. McIntyre, supplies,	6 50
Hill & Burnham, coal,	19 50
G. A. Anthoine, supplies and repairs,	99 54
Francis L. Winch, printing,	12 00
W. S. Fowler, repairs office,	2 90
F. L. Bond, registration room,	5 00
Herbert A. Tarr, service and copying,	100 00
S. E. Bean, supplies,	9 90
J. G. Shaw, P. M., stamps,	24 00
T. Lyon, pens,	10 00
Record Pub. Co., printing,	23 00
Mrs. Joseph Young, washing floors,	2 50
Urbain Ledoux, clerical work,	13 00
Amos G. Goodwin, register of deeds,	6 50

L. N. Verrill, clerical work,	25 00
Edgecomb's Express, expressing,	1 25
E. C. Luques, cement,	1 50
Somerville Desk Co., court room chairs,	28 50
F. M. Burnham, office supplies,	12 09
Mott Staples, clerical work, assessor,	50 00
Urbain Ledoux, copying,	50 00
J. O. Lord, use of team, com.,	3 00
Saco River Lumber Co., lumber,	9 00
Saco River Lumber Co., lumber,	1 91
Joseph Dion, Jr., services on committee,	4 00
American Express Co., expressing,	2 80
Traders' Express, expressing,	2 65
F. B. Tarr, labor and services,	26 50
Mrs. J. Young, washing floors,	1 50
L'Observateur Pub. Co., advertising,	7 75
Mrs. Jos. Young, labor,	1 00
Mrs. John Martin, loss of hens,	8 00
U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., Memorial day,	100 00
Post Sheridan, Memorial day,	100 00
C. G. Rumery, supplies,	4 20
J. H. Whitten, "	10 25
B. & S. Water Co., "	18 10
Mrs. M. Norton, burial services,	35 00
Miss Nellie O'Neil, burial services,	35 00
E. K. Scamman, supplies,	2 85
B. & S. Water Co., repairs,	3 50
" " " water,	8 00
" " " stand pipes,	34 00
York Light and Heat Co., light,	8 33
B. & S. Water Co., water supply,	1 53
Libby & Etchells, supply,	6 66
S. River Lumber Co., lumber,	2 85
T. B. Mosher, supplies,	53 00
W. H. Watson, printing,	50 00
J. F. Goldthwaite, serving notices,	15 50
Miles Berry, repairing chairs,	2 25

Danl. Doyle, supplies,	5 90
N. W. Kendall, office supplies,	36 75
Geo. C. Lebarge, labor,	8 00
Harry Hill, labor,	2 25
L'Observateur, printing,	4 00
B. & S. Water Co., piping and labor,	18 92
Harry Hill, labor,	75
York Light & Heat Co., Infantry hall,	8 33
“ “ “ R. V. engine house,	8 20
“ “ “ H. & L. house,	5 80
“ “ “ lighting office,	6 00
M. L. Lizotte, awnings and screens for office,	7 50
W. U. T. & Co., telegraphing,	1 69
York Light & Heat Co., light E. S. house,	8 40
F. L. Emmons, expense to Boston,	14 73
E. C. Stone, repairs collector's office,	18 76
“ “ registration board, repairs,	18 33
“ “ repairs clerk's office,	3 01
B. & S. Water Co., stand pipe, Elm street,	30 92
“ “ “ labor and material,	3 50
T. B. Mosher, office supplies,	14 90
Edwin Stone, services,	10 50
W. E. Youland, lining and laying carpet,	3 25
J. O. Lord, team hire,	7 50
W. E. Youland, carpet court room,	33 30
Mrs. Jos. Young, labor,	3 00
F. L. Winch, advertising,	8 25
John Emery, expense of trip,	14 73
Saco River Lumber Co., Infantry range,	18 52
C. S. Hamilton, expense trip,	14 73
Edgcomb's Express, expressing,	1 25
Biddeford Iron Foundry, casting,	50
J. G. Shaw, stamps and envelopes,	18 90
L. N. Verrill, clerical work,	50 00
J. D. Haley, M. D., return of births and deaths,	1 50
J. S. Fogg, “ “ “	4 75
J. G. Shaw, P. M., envelopes collector's office,	45 70
“ “ “ “ Mayor's office,	10 90

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N. E. T. Co., services,	85
S. G. Twambly & Son, burners,	3 95
J. H. Whitten, repairs,	10 25
B. & Saco Water Co., street sprinkler supply,	150 00
W. T. Bardsley, paper,	2 00
Mott E. Staples, clerical work for assessors,	72 00
W. T. Bardsley, supplies,	2 00
C. H. Rich, labor,	2 00
Dr. S. J. Bassford, vital statistics,	25 75
Record Publishing Company, printing,	223 50
B. & S. Water Co., water trough,	55 00
“ “ “ water supply,	7 95
“ “ “ water supply,	5 00
C. A. Moody, expense trip,	7 62
E. E. Chadbourne, services,	11 90
J. R. Farrington, reform school board,	52 00
C. E. Rumery, labor,	12 00
G. A. Anthoine, supplies voting booths,	2 68
Daniel Dinan, ringing bell,	4 00
Lucian McIntyre, sprinkling,	3 20
Waldo Anthoine, labor,	2 00
York Light & Heat Co., gas,	80
“ “ “ “	1 50
“ “ “ “	1 80
Francis L. Winch, printing,	16 00
York Light & Heat Co., Infantry hall,	8 33
R. D. Haines, labor,	4 66
Will R. Hubbard, committee work,	4 00
T. D. Proctor, lumber storehouse,	8 29
G. N. Donham, year books,	9 00
J. Goldsborough & Co., supplies and repairs for offices,	34 85
Mrs. Joseph Young, labor,	3 00
C. E. & F. P. Brackett, supplies,	4 65
L'Observateur Co., printing,	8 50
Francis L. Winch, “	3 75
L. F. Davis, labor,	2 00

T. B. Mosher, supplies,	24 00
“ “ “	41 50
H. H. Goodwin, insurance,	42 00
J. W. Randall, “	42 00
C. A. Wakefield, committee work,	32 50
Wright Bardsley, “ “	32 50
Edward Staples, assg'e. Willis Roberts, printing,	178 00
G. A. Anthoine, street sweeper, etc.,	57 50
M. Hussey, services,	32 50
Gove Bros., care of park,	99 00
C. E. Rumery, labor,	12 00
Saco River Lumber Co., lumber,	8 78
J. H. Whitten, repairs,	9 24
W. J. Gilpatric, services,	6 00
C. A. Moody, expenses to Boston, and Tel.,	7 25
J. B. Pare, vital statistics,	24 00
York Light & Heat Co., light,	8 33
Record Publishing Co., printing,	3 00
F. L. Davis, return vital statistics,	3 25
L'Observateur Pub. Co., printing,	2 00
C. B. Harmon, service registration,	33 60
W. P. Howard, curtains and fixtures,	1 88
Simeon W. Richards, attending hearing,	11 65
George H. York, tax abatement,	44 37
C. E. Rumery, loss of sheep,	11 00
John Lowell, “ “	8 00
Mrs. Joseph Young, labor,	2 00
C. E. Rumery, labor,	12 00
Thos. B. Mosher, office supplies,	8 00
C. G. Rumery, supplies,	2 35
George C. Lebarge, labor,	4 00
Pruneau & Haswell, printing,	6 25
E. C. Stone, labor and material storehouse,	60 00
Stone & Woodman, insurance,	60 00
E. H. Gove, insurance,	63 50
Wm. Lumb, services,	35 00
E. C. Stone, labor,	12 20

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Louis N. Emery, services,	35 00
T. B. Mosher, supplies,	12 00
“ “ “	21 00
Wm. Hubbard, labor,	35 00
American Express Co., expressing,	3 40
E. C. Stone, labor,	3 00
“ “ “	2 00
J. Chamberlin, labor,	35 00
John P. Kelly, “	1 25
Saco River Lumber Co., lumber,	77
N. E. T. & T. Co., telephoning,	1 30
E. E. Chadbourne, services,	16 50
C. S. Carle, services,	35 00
L'Observateur, printing,	3 00
York Light & Heat Co., Light Infantry hall,	8 33
L'Observateur, printing,	23 00
Forbes Lithograph Mfg. Co., printing bonds,	95 00
York Light & Heat Co., Infantry hall,	8 33
C. A. Moody, trip to Boston,	4 50
W. A. Foss, supplies,	32 08
A. J. Small, printing,	16 50
“ “ “	8 75
O. S. Kelley & Co., supplies,	1 65
George Tyler & Co., repairs,	2 50
D. A. Doyle, supplies,	1 40
S. E. Bean, “	2 58
J. H. Whitten, repairs,	6 15
“ “ “	11 00
J. G. Shaw, P. M., stamps,	12 00
J. Jones, agent, supplies,	7 00
Frank R. Fields, labor,	3 80
A. Jones & Son, repairs,	7 90
C. H. Prescott, printing,	357 50
“ “ “	248 90
Mott E. Staples, labor,	8 00
C. A. Moody, Boston,	7 75
N. W. Kendall, supplies,	36 25

K. W. Sutherland, sewers,	35 00
Owners Exchange block, rent,	87 50
Ora McDonald, soldier burial,	35 00
Annie K. Pilsbury,	32 20
J. R. Farrington, Supt., care of boys,	48 71
Anthony Dwyer, service "hearings"	14 00
K. W. Sutherland, " "	14 00
York Light and Heat Co., light "offices"	6 40
" " " " " " " "Infantry hall"	8 33
E. J. Ryan, services committee work,	25 00
Wright Bardsley, services committee,	32 50
Edward Rennick, labor,	24 00
C. A. Wakefield, services "com.,"	32 50
M. Hussey, " "	32 50
C. S. Hamilton, expenses "Boston and N. Y.,"	25 00
C. A. Moody, " "Boston"	6 75
Mrs. F. M. Burnham, supplies,	10 30
Frank R. Field, posting notices,	1 00
J. G. Shaw, P. M., stamps,	21 80
L. A. McIntire, street sprinkling,	204 00
American Express, transportation,	6 65
Edward Rennick, labor,	14 00
L'Observateur, printing "collector"	10 00
" " " " " " " "police dept.,"	2 50
L. H. Kendall, rent "headquarters,"	100 00
E. E. Chadbourne, services,	9 30
C. E. Rumery, labor,	12 00
J. Byron Campbell, services,	49 00
S. P. Adams, ringing bell,	2 00
Record Publishing Co., printing,	14 35
Pruneau & Haswell, "	11 00
W. U. T. Co., telegraphing,	3 78
Edward Rennick, labor,	14 00
C. E. Rumery, "	12 00
Mrs. Joseph Young, labor,	3 50
York Light & Heat Co., Infantry hall,	8 33
C. E. Allen, ice,	5 00

George W. Bruce, charcoal,	4 50
R. F. Jelleson, labor,	3 00
L. A. McIntyre, sprinkler,	176 00
George W. Bruce, charcoal,	75
George C. Lebarge, services,	20 00
Mary E. Goodwin, soldiers burial,	35 00
Biddeford Furniture Co., office desk,	29 50
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., services,	2 20
J. I. Baxter, Agt., office supplies,	2 50
Edward Rennick, labor,	18 00
C. A. Moody, expenses to Boston,	5 75
A. J. Small, printing,	26 50
C. E. Rumery, labor,	12 00
Addie E. F. Weymouth, clerical work,	17 75
J. J. Jones, Agt., supplies,	5 00
J. E. Gowen, labor,	5 00
Joseph Etchells, labor,	5 00
E. Rennick, Jr., labor,	14 00
J. W. Randall, insurance,	79 76
D. Doyle, supplies,	1 50
A. T. Goodwin, labor,	1 50
Mrs. Joseph Young, labor,	2 50
Fitz W. Hussey, services,	8 00
L. J. Renouf, making assess. books,	250 00
Record Publishing Co., printing,	15 60
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephoning,	1 80
Edward Rennick, labor,	14 00
Owners of Exchange block, rent,	87 50
C. S. Hamilton, expenses, two days Boston,	8 00
J. Dion, labor,	8 00

Street Commissioner's Report.

*To His Honor, the Mayor and City Council of the City of
Biddeford:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my second report of highway district No. 4, the same being for the year ending January 31, 1896.

NEW STREETS.

Orchard street, laid out last year and a part of the ledge removed, has been completed, the balance of the ledge was blasted out and the street graded and graveled the entire length. Nearly all the rocks taken from the ledge were used for filling.

Myrtle street was extended to Summer and that part of the street which has been opened to the public for a number of years, viz: from Prospect street to beyond Foss has been graveled.

A sewer was laid across the low ground to Summer street and the street partly filled.

GENERAL STREET REPAIRS.

Pool street from Clifford to beyond the residence of R. Jordan was filled with broken stone from the City building lot and graveled. The street at this point has been in very bad condition for a long time and in fact the same condition exists beyond to top of Westbrook hill.

River street was greatly improved, a large quantity of rocks being used and covered with gravel.

The freshet in April caused great damage to many streets bordering on the river, particularly Gooch street. The repairs on this street were extensive, and on account of the long distance to haul gravel, quite expensive. Heavy showers during

the summer caused washouts in different parts of the city, the hills being damaged the most, and quite extensive repairs were required in many cases.

Rocks covered with gravel were used when practicable, to repair the same. Nason's hill, Foss street hill, Wentworth street hill and Elm street from South to Cutts were repaired with clay and gravel from the Masonic building lot.

Clayed and graveled, High street from Water to Cross, and from Bacon to Pool; Hill street from Main to Bacon; Foss street from Mt. Vernon to Summer; Mason street from Green to Wentworth; South street from Main to Jefferson; Emery street from Main to Bacon; and White's wharf from Water to the river, and Elm street from Chadwick place to Mason street.

Graveled—Thornton street from Elm to the Boston and Maine station; Elm street from Bradbury bridge to Walnut street; Alfred street from Jefferson to Summer and from Washington to Birch; May street from Orchard street to South; Elm street from Mason to beyond residence of C. A. Moody; Centre street from Jefferson to Kossuth and South street from Elm to May.

Macadamizing—Main street has been macadamized and the gutters paved with cobble stone the present year from Western avenue to Bradbury street. This work has been done in sections and at different times, viz :

Section 1. From Western avenue to Harvey street, 288 feet long and 45 feet wide at a depth of about 10 inches.

Section 2. From Harvey street to the Boston & Maine railroad, 300 feet long and 45 feet wide, at a depth of about 12 inches.

Section 3. From Boston & Maine railroad to Bradbury street, 286 feet long and 45 feet wide, at a depth of from 12 to 15 inches.

It was the understanding when this work was begun that the street should be macadamized to the Eastern railroad, and the stone was prepared for the purpose, but owing to the lateness of the season it was impossible to continue.

Macadamizing has been used over two years and the work of last year needs scarcely any repairs.

The road roller has been used the present year on the following streets: Summer street from Alfred to beyond Foss; Bacon street from Emery to High; Centre street from Jefferson to Elm, and South street from Elm to Boston & Maine railroad. The surface of these streets was very uneven and after being picked up, considerable filling was required before rolling, but on the whole they were very much improved and wore well.

PAVING REPAIRS.

The work of removing the ice from the streets was begun March 27th and completed April 8th. The paving was then thoroughly scraped with hoes and during the year was swept twice each week from April 24th to Oct. 26th. Repairs have been made and in many places the paving relaid.

CROSSWALKS.

Stone crosswalks have been laid, one on South street at junction of Elm, and one on State street, junction of South.

CROSSWALK REPAIRS.

The stone crosswalks at the junction of Thornton and Elm streets, Alfred and Summer, Lincoln and Elm, State and South, Pool and Alfred, Adams and Jefferson, Main and South, Washington and Main, Franklin and Main, and Elm and South have all been repaired, the stone leveled up and in many cases broken stone placed each side of the walk.

DRIVEWAYS.

Driveway stone has been set on the following streets and plank furnished for same: One on Pike street, one on May street, two on Main street and two on State street. Replanked eight driveways on Main street, three on Pool street, three on Jefferson street, two on Pike street, two on Green street, four on Elm street, four on Cutts street and two on Birch street.

Plank driveways have been laid, one on South street, two on High street, one on Alfred street, one on Elm street and one on West street.

SIDEWALKS.

Relaid brick walk on Gooch street, junction of Elm, on Main street in front of the residence of Dr. Emery, on Water street in front of Dudley block, on River street, junction of Elm, on Elm street, junction of Centre, on Alfred street in front of Kendall block, on Main street, junction of Emery, on Main in front of Heard's block and on State street in front of the residence of Frederick Yates.

Repaired sidewalks with cinders and gravel on the following streets :

Adams street, in front of the residence of Jesse Gould ; Hill street, near junction of Cottage ; Union street, junction of Elm , Elm street, junction of Orchard ; South street, near Boston & Maine railroad ; Emery street, near Main ; Birch street, junction of Prospect ; and Granite street from the stone quarry to residence of Joseph Richards. Filled to grade and graveled sidewalks on Alfred street from Emmons' place to land of James Fogg ; on Pool street in front of the residence of William P. Freeman ; on Hill street, from the sidewalk already constructed to the residence of J. D. Emerson, and rebuilt Gooch street sidewalk from the foundry to the bridge with rocks and gravel.

STONE CURBING.

has been set on Oak street in front of the residence of Byron J. Campbell ; on State street in front of the residence of Frederick Yates ; on South street in front of the residence of K. W. Sutherland ; on Main street, in front of property belonging to Water Power Co. ; on Elm and South streets in front of property of Nelson Proulx.

Reset curbing on River street, junction of Elm ; on Main street in front of block belonging to Water Power Co. ; on Jefferson, junction of Washington ; and on Main, near Boston & Maine railroad.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

New sewers have been laid on Bradbury street extension to connect with Mason street sewer ; 100 ft, 10 in. pipe.

On Summer street, from Myrtle street to Fall ; 330 ft. 12 in. pipe.

On Myrtle street, from residence O. H. McIntire to Summer street ; 275 ft. 10 in. pipe.

On Western avenue from a junction with the sewer already constructed to Milebrook drain ; 513 ft. 18 in. and 102 ft. 15 in. pipe, 40 feet of this through ledge.

On Hill street from Acorn to a junction with the Gove sewer at Fall street ; 355 ft. 10 in. pipe.

On Spruce street from the school house to junction with Elm street sewer ; 330 ft. 10 in. pipe.

On Bradbury street, from near South street to a junction with the old sewer ; 110 ft. 12 in. pipe.

On Foss street opposite the residence of Silas Adams to Summer street ; 230 ft. 10 in. pipe.

On Graham street, from the property of Israel Shevenell to a junction with the Crescent street sewer in front of the church.

On Chapel street, from the residence of Abial Jones to a junction with the Sullivan street sewer ; 190 ft. 10 in. pipe.

On Pool street, from the residence of Wm. P. Freeman to a junction with the Gove sewer ; 450 ft. 12 in. pipe and 100 ft. 10 in.

On Crescent street, from the residence of Henry C. Cole to Graham street sewer ; 150 ft. 10 in. pipe.

On Pike street, from the foot of Pike street hill to near Cross street ; 148 ft. 10 in. pipe.

On Mt. Vernon street from the residence of Howard Hamilton to a junction with sewer already laid ; 50 ft. 10 in. pipe and 145 ft. 6 in.

There has been laid in Mile brook from State street to land of Boston & Maine railroad, 171 ft. of stone and in rear of the residence of L. W. Stone, 300 ft. of 12 in. pipe.

Drains have been laid on Cleaves' place to the river ; 50 ft. 12 in. pipe.

On Hill street, near residence of Wm. Lumb ; 100 ft. 10 in. pipe.

On Cleaves street from George street to residence of Patrick Judge ; 45 ft. 6 in. pipe.

SEWER REPAIRS.

The Foss street sewer was opened, cleaned and repaired with 15 ft. 6 in. pipe.

Summer street sewer was opened from a point near Foss street to York street, cleaned and repaired with 15 ft. 12 in. pipe.

Washington street sewer, opposite Haines' block was opened, flushed and repaired with 70 ft. 12 in. pipe.

Elm street sewer opposite Chadwick place was opened, cleaned and repaired with 10 ft. 12 in. pipe. A cave in of this sewer at the junction of Lincoln street was repaired with 12 ft. 18 in. pipe.

Piper field sewer was opened at different points between Birch street and Mason and flushed. The pipe between these streets does not carry off the sewerage and should be raised.

SEWER POCKETS.

New pockets with drain stone furnished have been built as follows :

One on Main street, one on Water street, two on Summer street, one on Myrtle street, one on Franklin street, one on South street and one on Chapel street.

Repaired, two on Elm street, one on Bacon street, two on South street, one on Water street, two on Alfred street and one on Franklin street.

All the pockets have had careful attention during the past year and but little trouble has been caused by stoppage of sewers.

The brick sewer on Cutts street was opened, flushed out and repaired.

Milebrook was cleaned from Elm street to State and the grade lowered from Elm street across the land of Geo. A. Berry.

BRIDGES.

The Maple street end of Bradbury bridge was replanked with 4 in. spruce plank and new foot walk laid.

Springs bridge was replanked with 4 in. spruce plank and the foot walk repaired.

The foot walk and railing of Main street bridge was repaired and the pier, washed out by the spring freshet, relaid.

An earnest effort has been made the present year to meet the demands of the public in the way of repairs etc., and while many things have been left undone that perhaps should have been done, it is gratifying to know that no accidents have happened within the limits of this district and that the appropriation has not been overdrawn.

Very respectfully,

ELISHA E. CLARK,

Street Commissioner.



City Physician's Report.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council :

I beg to submit my report concerning the medical branch of the Pauper department for the municipal year of 1895 and 1896, ending January 31st, 1896.

Before proceeding with details it is my desire to thank the able and conscientious Overseers of the Poor who have endeavored in every way to assist me in rendering surgical and medical aid to the worthy poor of this city.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths at the City farm was two, and in the street department six, making a total of eight.

Both of the deaths at the City farm were caused by general debility, and both inmates were found dead in bed having retired the night before in apparently good health. The ages of these two people could not be ascertained but a conservative estimate would place the age of one at about eighty years, or more, and the other at about seventy-five years.

The six deaths outside the City farm were as follows :—

DATE.	SEX.	AGE.			CAUSE.
		YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.	
March 11,	Female,	63,	—	—	Senile Gangrene
March 13,	Female,	—	—	1	Bronchitis
May 15,	Female,	29	—	—	Phthisis
Dec. 10,	Female,	24	—	—	Phthisis
Dec. 16,	Female,	52	—	—	Dementia
Dec. 16,	Female,	27	—	—	Phthisis

The patient who died from gangrene could not have had an amputation performed without death resulting, in all probability, upon the operating table.

It has been my constant endeavor while holding the office of City Physician to lower the mortality record in the pauper department of the City of Biddeford.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

I have used the utmost caution in prescribing medicines in order that the city should not meet with unnecessary expense in the medical department.

Upon assuming the duties of City Physician I adopted a prescription blank similar to one I had formerly used in the Department of Public Charities in New York city.

By the use of this blank it is impossible for the city of Biddeford to spend a cent of money for any medical supply without knowing, by ready reference at any time, the date it was ordered, which overseer of the poor ordered it, and for whom it was ordered.

Each prescription is numbered and each number is put upon the bill of the druggist with the price of the prescription opposite the number.

During the past two years every bill for medical supplies has been made out in this manner, thus avoiding all chances of a mistake or overcharge in any way.

In no case have I ever prescribed without an order from an overseer, and these written orders for the past two years I now have in my possession.

I append a copy of the prescription blank.

NO.

CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

Order of Mr.

For M.

No. Street.

..... Day Month, 189 .

This prescription cannot be refilled without an order from the City Physician.

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CITY PHYSICIAN.

It is my desire to call particular attention to the fact that about fifty per cent. of the amount paid for medical supplies was for artificial food. I prescribed this freely as I believed it to be not only humane but also economical for the the city to have her pauper patients gain strength as rapidly as possible, in order that they might resume their occupation and thus free the city of a source of expense.

I might add that for the calendar year of 1895 I was consulted twenty-four hundred and thirty-eight times by pauper patients.

BIRTHS.

During the past year there have been two births at the City farm and two in the street department.

SANITATION.

I spent considerable time in trying to remedy the bad sanitary condition at the City farm, and some result of this work is now seen.

In place of an ill-smelling house with disgusting odors from open privy vaults, cold cheerless dormitories, bad ventilation, and no means for the inmates to cleanse their bodies, there is now seen a clean, well-ventilated house, steam heat, water-closets and bath-rooms for both males and females. The privy vaults have been removed and openings made in the brick wall to secure better ventilation.

No humane or intelligent person would deprecate the expenditure of money for the purpose of giving the unfortunate wards of this city decent hygienic advantages, where a large number of them are housed in a building which was originally constructed without regard to sanitary laws.

SALARY.

I wish to say a few words regarding the salary of the City Physician.

Previous to the last municipal year it had been the custom for the city physician to receive pay for what were called "extra services." It was necessary for him to do this in or-

der to receive proper compensation if these services were performed.

This procedure, however, has always excited more or less criticism. Therefore at the commencement of the year 1895 I took steps to maintain the dignity of my profession by asking for a stated salary to cover all services rendered the city.

My communication was discussed before the Honorable Council and after a comparison with salaries received in other cities it was voted to fix the salary at a stated sum to cover "all services rendered the city."

Not one dollar of extra pay has been received by the City Physician for the past year, and the duties have embraced services rendered the pauper, police, health and school departments.

HOSPITAL.

Before closing I would recommend, as I did last year, the erection of a hospital by the city.

A one story frame structure could be erected at a suitable distance from the farm buildings and it could be heated by an underground pipe. It need not be an expensive building, even if constructed with regard to scientific sanitation.

But its value would be fully appreciated should a contagious disease manifest itself at the farm or in any of the densely populated tenement houses of the city, as the patient could then be promptly isolated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Fogg,

City Physician.

Board of Health's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

We herein submit our report for the year ending January 31st, 1896.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

The total number of deaths from contagious diseases during the year was thirty-two, as follows: diphtheria eight, scarlet fever four, typhoid fever thirteen, whooping cough four, measles three.

Contagious and infectious diseases are not only dangerous but loathsome and are to be detested by all classes of people; hence every person should voluntarily cooperate with the Board of Health in carrying out measures having for their object the preservation of the public health, and no one will deny that this is essential in order that its efforts may be successful.

SCARLET FEVER AND DIPHTHERIA.

The success reported by our physicians from the use of anti-toxine as a remedy for diphtheria will, we trust, in the future greatly diminish the number of deaths from that malignant disease, but believing that "prevention is better than cure" we feel that too much stress cannot be placed upon the importance of isolation and care of patients suffering from diphtheria and scarlet fever, and also thorough fumigation and purifying apartments occupied by such patients before being reoccupied, and burning or thoroughly cleansing garments or clothing which may be infected.

It is also important that any suspected case of infectious disease be immediately reported in order to protect the schools from its spread through that agency.

As required by the laws of the State, the board has placarded each house containing a case of diphtheria or scarlet fever.

TYPHOID FEVER.

This disease has been unusually prevalent during the past year; ninety-six cases having been reported to the board, thirteen of which proved fatal.

This fever is believed to be contracted largely through the food or liquids taken into the stomach, hence the importance of care in relation to those things.

During the season of the greatest prevalence of the disease the board made a house-to-house inquiry as to the source of milk and also the water used in the families where the sickness occurred. Sixteen cases appeared to be traceable to milk taken from one farm. This milk route was discontinued. An examination by the cattle commissioners revealed no sign of disease in the herd but it was thought that the disease might have been communicated through the water used in cleansing or cooling the cans.

There are some of our school rooms which have no system of ventilation except by opening the doors or windows. We believe there is less danger to the health of scholars from breathing the poisonous air of the school room than sitting where they receive the draught from an open window. This in a measure may be easily remedied and we think it should be attended to.

SEWERS.

As is well known our system of sewerage is very inadequate and defective, and the time is near when our city will have to give more special attention to that department or the health of the public will suffer seriously from that source. Some good work has been done in that direction during the past year. New sewers have been built and entered into sections relieving nuisances which could not be otherwise effectively reached. We need also some regular system of flushing our sewers with water in order to keep them in better condi-

tion. During the warm season, unless there are frequent and copious rains, the pockets connected with sewers on some of our streets emit gases, not only loathsome but which must be highly poisonous.

Our privy vaults are an intolerable nuisance and we believe are directly responsible for much preventable sickness. We think that on our Main streets where there are public sewers, the vault should be abolished and the improved water-closet substituted.

We append to this report tables of the numbers and causes of death, nativity, age, etc. ; also a list of the nuisances reported and abated and complaints made.

We give in the following list the number of complaints received and investigated and also the number of nuisances abated during the year :

Vaults in bad condition,	119
New vaults,	2
Cesspools cleaned out,	11
New cesspools built,	3
Sink water in street,	12
Sink water in cellar,	7
Dirty yards,	43
Filthy cellars,	37
Filthy tenements,	9
Hens in cellar,	7
Swine removed,	13
Manure removed,	28
Dead animals removed and buried,	24
Night soil on lot uncovered,	8
Calls made,	482
Complaints received,	237

Death Report.

CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC.

ORDER 1. MIASMATIC.	Total	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Cholera Infantum,.....	41				1		7	14	16	2		1	
Croup,	2										2		
Diarrhœa,	16						1	4	7	3	1		
Diphtheria,	8					1	1					4	2
Dysentery,	2		1							1			
Scarlet Fever,	4				1		1	1		1			
Typhoid Fever,.....	13	1	1	4				3	1	2			1
Measles,.....	3	1								1			1
Pyæmia,	1							1					
Rheumatism,	2		1		1								
Whooping Cough,.....	4									2	1	1	

ORDER 2. ENTHETIC.													
Septicæmia,.....	1											1	

CLASS II.—CONSTITUTIONAL.

ORDER 1. DIATHETIC.													
Anæmia,	8		2		1			1	3		1		
Cancer of Breast,.....	1					1							
“ “ Liver,	1								1				
“ “ Stomach,	4	1			1						1	1	
“ “ Uterus,	1								1				
“ “ Neck,	1											1	
Dropsy,	3			1								1	1

ORDER 2. TUBERCULAR.													
Tuberculosis,	3				1	1						1	
Tabes Mesenrica,.....	1			1									
Phthisis,	25	1	1	2	7	4		3		1		4	2
Tubercular Laryngitis,.....	1								1				

CLASS III.—LOCAL.

ORDER 1. NERVOUS SYSTEM.		Total	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Apoplexy,	10	2			1			1		1	2	1	1	1
Abscess of Brain,.....	1			1										
Convulsions,	11	1	2			2		1			1	1		3
Epilepsy,	1								1					
Tetanus,	1						1							
Hysteria,	1							1						
Cephalitis,.....	3								1	2				
Insanity,	1												1	
Meningitis,	14	1	1			1	1	3	1	3		2		1
Nervous Prostration,	2			1										1
Paralysis,.....	8	1	1						1			1	4	
Cerebral Hemorrhage,.....	1											1		
Brain Disease, not classified,	5								1	1	2		1	

ORDER 2. CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.														
Angina Pectoris,.....	1	1												
Heart Disease,.....	20	2	4	2	2	2		1	3				1	3
Embolism,	2		1										1	

ORDER 3. RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.														
Asthma,	1		1											
Laryngitis,.....	1											1		
Pneumonia,.....	27	1	7	5	2			1		1	2	5	3	
Pluro Pneumonia,.....	1										1			
Broncho, "	2		1											1
Bronchitis,	11	1	3	1	2		1			1		1	1	

ORDER 4. DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.		Total	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Cirrhosis of Liver,.....	1									1				
Enteritis,	3						1		2					
Gastro Enteritis,.....	1							1						
Gastritis,	2	1								1				
Dilation of Oesophagus,.....														
Hepatitis,	1	1												
Jaundice,.....	1										1			
Peritonitis,.....	3										1			2
Dis. of Liver, not classified,	1			1										

ORDER 5. URINARY SYSTEM.														
Bright's Disease,.....	3	1					1					1		
Cystitis,.....	2						1							1
Diabetes,.....	1								1					
Uræmia,	3						1					1		1
Albuminuria,.....	1											1		

ORDER 6. GENERATIVE SYSTEM.														
Metritis,.....	2								2					

CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL.

ORDER I. DISEASES OF CHILDREN.														
Infantile Debility,	22	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	5	
Inanition,	5		1		1		1		1	1				
Premature Birth,.....	11		3	1			3	2		1			1	
Spina Bifida,.....														
Laryngismus Stridulous,.....	1									1				

ORDER 2.	Total	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
DISEASES OF WOMEN.													
Child Birth,.....	1										1		

ORDER 3.													
DISEASES OF OLD PEOPLE.													
Old Age,.....	3			1						1			1

ORDER 4.													
DISEASES OF NUTRITION.													
General Debility,.....	3					1		1	1				

CLASS V.—VIOLENT DEATHS.

ORDER 1.													
ACCID'TL, NEGLIGENCE, ETC.													
Drowning,.....	2						1	1					
Fracture of Skull,.....	1					1							
“ “ Neck,.....	1				1								
“ “ Thigh,.....	1												1
Suicide,	1					1							
Patricide,.....	1											1	
Burns by Fire,.....	1												1

Unknown,	2	1	1										
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Total Deaths by Months,...	35	21	36	20	26	19	24	45	46	27	22	34	34
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Still Births, Male,.....	13			1	3	2			1	1		3	2
“ “ Female,	4			1			1	1			1		

Total Number of Deaths,...	369	19	36	22	29	21	25	46	47	28	23	37	36
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AGES.		Total	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Under 1 year,	139	4	17	3	5	2	15	25	28	11	10	8	11
1 and under 5,	.....	48	1	8	1	2	3	4	6	2	7	2	4	8
5	" 10,	12	1			1		1	1	2		2	3	1
10	" 20,	17			3	3	3		2	1	1	1	3	
20	" 30,	27	4	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	3	1	4	3
30	" 40,	20	3	2	1	2	1		6	2	1		1	1
40	" 50,	14	1		2	1	1	2	2	2	2			1
50	" 60,	17	2	2	1		2			2		1	5	2
60	" 70,	19	1	1	5	3	2			1		2	3	1
70	" 80,	26	2	3	2	3	1		2	2	2	3	2	4
80	" 90,	8		2	1		1	1		1			1	1
90	" 100,	5				2				2				1
Total,	.....	352	19	36	20	26	19	24	45	46	27	22	34	34

NATIVITY.

Biddeford,	.....	197	4	26	8	10	7	19	33	31	14	13	13	19
Maine,	.....	49	3	3	7	3	5	2	3	6	2	4	4	7
Other States,	.....	10	2			1			1	2	1	1	1	1
Ireland,	.....	25	5	2	1	4	2		1		1	1	6	2
England,	.....	3					1				1		1	
Canada,	.....	61	5	4	4	6	3	3	7	7	6	3	8	5
Scotland,	.....	1									1			
Sweden,	.....	1									1			
France,	.....	1											1	
New Brunswick,	.....	2		1		1								
Unknown,	.....	2				1	1							
Total,	.....	352	19	36	20	26	19	24	45	46	27	22	34	34

NATIVITY OF PARENTS.	Total	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
United States,.....	72	3	11	8	5	4	3	4	11	4	7	6	6
England,	6				1	1		2		1			1
Canada,.....	203	7	18	9	13	10	18	32	28	16	13	20	19
Ireland,	53	6	7	1	6	2	3	6	5	3	2	6	6
Sweden,	2								1	1			
New Brunswick,.....	1				1								
Scotland,	2									2			
France,	1											1	
Germany,.....	1												1
Unknown,	11	3		2		2		1	1			1	1
Total,.....	352	19	36	20	26	19	24	45	46	27	22	34	34

DANIEL COTE, Chairman,
 WM. F. LIBBY, Secretary,
 JOHN FOY,

} Board of Health.

City Solicitor's Report.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford :

GENTLEMEN : I have the honor of submitting to you my report as City Solicitor of Biddeford for the fiscal year of 1895 and 1896.

Upon entering upon the duties of this office I found pending in the Supreme Judicial Court an action of Charles G. Gove against the city of Biddeford. For various reasons urged upon my consideration this action was not tried either at the May or September terms of the court and Mr. Gove died late in the fall of 1895 and no administrator had been appointed when the January term of the court was held and consequently the suit still remains on the docket of the court. On examination of the facts in this case I do not consider the city legally liable to pay the demand sued for nor any part of it. This is the only suit now standing against the city.

During the past year there have been two suits brought against the city.

One of them by Frank A. Swan, who voluntarily withdrew it ; the other by the town of Lisbon for pauper expense of Lavinia S. Chick.

The sum sued for was two hundred and forty-three dollars and forty cents. On examination I concluded that there was due to Lisbon some seventy-three dollars and costs, some ten dollars, which were paid and the suit ended.

The City Solicitor has no right to bring any suit in favor of the city unless ordered by the Mayor or City Council and having received no such direction no suit was brought although it seemed to me that the rights of the city have not been observed by the tax collectors of the city for many years. On enquiry I could not learn that any one collector had ever com-

plied with the provisions of Section 146 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, or ever had his tax book audited, or ever returned it to the city authorities, or has ever paid the money collected for interest on taxes received by him, and it would seem that thousands of dollars are now due to the city by the tax collectors for interest received by them.

I would respectfully call the attention of the Mayor and City Council to this matter.

Respectfully,

S. W. LUQUES,

Biddeford, March 4, 1896.

Chief Engineer's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford :

GENTLEMEN :- In accordance with the requirements of the City Ordinances, Chapter 13, Section 5, we have the honor to submit for your inspection the annual report required of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1896. It contains the organization of the department, a list of all members, fires and alarms with insurance and loss, hose laid, a schedule of property in charge, condition of apparatus, horses and buildings, location of fire alarm boxes and hydrants, and other matters which belong to the department.

Organization.

CHIEF ENGINEER :

CLARENCE M. WATSON.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS :

CHARLES D. BLAIR, EDWARD J. SULLIVAN.

Richard Vines S. F. E. Co., No. 1.

FOREMAN,	WALTER I. GORDON
ASSISTANT FOREMAN,	DANIEL KERWIN
CLERK,	FRED J. GRANT
ENGINEER,	GEORGE W. BRYANT
FIREMAN,	ROBERT H. BRYANT
DRIVER,	NATHANIEL P. VERRILL

PIPE AND HOSEMEN—Charles H. Bonser, Israel Velandre, Irving W. Mason, George Wilson, Michael Murphy, William C. Haley, Henry B. Hayes, Frank Proctor, James O. Smith.

Eben Simpson S. F. E. Co., No 2.

FOREMAN,	JOHN DEAN, JR.
ASSISTANT FOREMAN,	DAVID ELLIOT

CLERK,	HARTLEY J. GOODWIN
ENGINEER,	ERWIN S. GOWEN
FIREMAN,	JOHN GOODIER
DRIVER,	JOHN T. O'ROURKE

PIPE AND HOSEMEN—Edward L. Stackpole, Fred A. Shaw, Harry Sawyer, Thomas Cullinan, Jr., William H. McClintock, Willis E. Winship, Thomas Rennick, John Keithley, Charles E. Rumery.

Welcome H. & C. Co., No. 1.

FOREMAN,	ALBERT H. WARDWELL
ASSISTANT FOREMAN,	JOHN R. BONSER
CLERK,	GEORGE E. HALEY
DRIVER,	GEORGE H. HOOPER

AX AND LADDERMEN—John Doyle, Charles Waterhouse, James E. Gowen, Walter Mildon, Eugene Newbegin, George E. Townsend, Noel Velandre, Benjamin Goodier, Jr.

Fires and Alarms.

Under this head will be found a record of all fires and alarms which have occurred in the city outside as well as within the fire limits. The department has answered calls, as follows: bell, still, and Chief's calls.

March 3, 1895, 5.40 A. M. Chief's call upon a request for assistance from Kennebunk. Request countermanded before arrival of train.

March 16, 1895, 11.40 P. M. Chief's call on a request for assistance from Saco caused by a fire in the City building in that city. Steamer "Eben Simpson" and hook and ladder truck sent. Hose laid, 700 feet.

April 1, 1895, 11.35 p. m. Box 56. Fire in Waterboro block, Nos. 99, 101, 103, 105 Main street, originating in No. 103, occupied as a confectionery store by John Andrews. Cause—stove funnel in contact with wood work about chimney. Loss on building, \$1172.00; insurance, \$4800.00. Loss on contents, \$1804.36; insurance, \$2700.00. Hose laid, 1050 feet.

April 28, 1895, 11.55 P. M. Farm buildings on Kennebunk road owned and occupied by Charles M. Foster, totally consumed. Outside of fire limits. Cause—defective chimney. Loss on buildings, \$5000.00; insurance, \$4960.00. Loss on contents, \$2500.00; insurance, \$2,000.00.

May 17, 1895, 8.45 A. M. Still. Fire on waste dump. Hose wagon responded. Hose laid, 300 feet.

May 29, 1895, 6.40 P. M. Box 25. Fire in foundry of Hardy Machine Co. Cause—spontaneous. Loss, \$25.00. Hose laid, 900 feet.

June 20, 1895, 10.30 P. M. Frame dwelling between Fortunes Rocks and the Pool belonging to J. N. Coffin and others. Cause—incendiary. Loss \$400.00; insurance, \$400.00. Outside fire limits.

June 29, 1895, 6.30 A. M. Box 25. Fire in house of John Munday on Gooch street. Cause—accidental. Slight damage. No hose laid.

July 4, 1895, 5.40 P. M. Box 58. Fire on Main street bridge. Cause—Fire crackers. Slight damage. Hose laid, 1150 feet.

July 5, 1895, 12.25 P. M. Box 45. Fire in outbuilding to house No. 107 Hill street, belonging to heirs of J. Goldsbrough and occupied by Charles Coburn. Cause—fire crackers. Loss, \$25.00; insurance, \$1700.00. Hose laid 950 feet.

July 7, 1895, 3.15 P. M. Box 57. Fire in house No. 39 Alfred street, owned by Daniel Cote and occupied by William Tellier. Cause—window curtains caught from pipe. No damage. Hose laid, 450 feet.

July 8, 1895, 12.40 A. M. Box 56. Fire in blacksmith shop at head of Franklin street owned and occupied by Tezier Gregoire. Cause—incendiary. Loss, \$15.00. No insurance. Hose laid, 250 feet.

July 8, 1895, 12.23 P. M. Box 49. Burning chimney at No. 27 High street. No hose laid.

July 15, 1895, 11.15 A. M. Box 56. Smoking chimney

in Exchange block, Main street. No damage. Hose laid, 300 feet.

July 22, 1895, 7.30 P. M. Box 56. Fire in Campbell's carriage repository, Washington street. Cause—from forge. Loss on buildings, \$450.00; insurance, \$500.00. Loss on contents, \$2300.00; insurance, \$3000.00. Hose laid, 1950 feet.

July 25, 1895, 7.35 p. m. Still. Fire in rear of engine house stable. Cause—unknown. No damage and no hose laid.

Aug. 16, 1895, 1.25 P. M. Box 58. Fire on waste dump. Hose laid, 400 feet.

Aug. 27, 1895, 11.30 A. M. Box 58. Burning chimney at No. 5 Main street. Hose laid, 500 feet.

Oct. 16, 1895, 4.15 p. m. Chief's call. Fire on waste dump. Hose wagon responded. Hose laid, 400 feet.

Oct. 21, 1895, 9.50 p. m. Chief's call. Fire on waste dump. Hose wagon responded. Hose laid, 400 feet.

Nov. 21, 1895, 10.55 A. M. Box 25. Fire in dwelling house No. 20 Gooch street, owned by James Murphy and occupied by Hermidas Jariz. Cause—wood work on chimney in contact with stove funnel. Loss on building, \$50.00; insurance, \$800.00. Loss on contents, \$10.00. Hose laid, 200 feet.

Dec. 28, 1895, 9.45 A. M. Box 25. Fire in Mosher block, Smith's corner, No. 50 1-2, occupied by P. Beaudoin, as a bakery. Cause—caught from oven. Loss on building, \$40.00; insurance, \$12,000.00. Loss on contents, \$20.00; insurance, \$300.00. Hose laid, 200 feet.

Jan. 16, 1896, 9.25 A. M. Box 47. Fire in the cellar of house No. 49 High street. Cause—thawing out water pipe. Slight damage. No hose laid.

Jan. 22, 1896, 12.45 P. M. Still. Waste dump. Hose laid, 450 feet.

Jan. 23, 1896, 11.25 A. M. Chief's call. Waste dump. Hose laid, 450 feet.

Jan. 31, 1896, 12 M. Box 57. No. 18 Hill street. Child

of occupant, Franc Oudit, burned, and died two hours later. No damage to building. No hose laid.

The total loss by fire upon buildings and contents during the fiscal year was \$11,071.36, upon which there was an insurance of \$32,860.00. Hose laid during the same time, 11,400 feet. From the above it will be seen that the city has been unusually favored and especially when it is taken into consideration that some of these fires have occurred in dangerous localities where the liability to communicate with others of a dangerous nature was apparent. In fact nearly all of the business portion of the city is exposed to a class of buildings extremely hazardous and that no more destructive fires occur is a subject of comment.

Location of Fire Alarm Boxes.

25. Smith's corner, front of Mosher block.
26. Elm street, near Main, opposite store of Irish & Stride.
27. Main street, near corner of Western avenue.
28. Highland street, near corner of Main.
29. South street, opposite residence of H. G. Holmes.
34. King's corner, opposite store of Andrews & Co.
35. Junction of South, Green and Crescent streets.
36. Elm street, near residence of Harden Taylor.
37. Alfred street, junction of Everett.
38. Union street, near head of Graham.
43. Alfred street, between Birch and Porter.
45. Summer street, corner of Mt. Vernon.
46. Pool street, near Methodist church.
47. Pool street, corner extension of Pike.
48. Pool street, opposite residence of H. P. Atkinson.
49. Bacon street, near corner of Pierson's lane.
54. Corner of Main and Lincoln streets.
56. "Richard Vines" engine house, Washington street.
57. Main street, near corner of Alfred.
58. Main street, foot of Hill.

Location of Hydrants.

1. City Farm yard.
2. Corner of Main and Highland streets.
3. Main street, near Eastern railroad station
4. Main street, corner of Western avenue.
5. Main street, corner of Bradbury.
6. Elm street, corner of Main.
7. Jefferson street, corner of Main.
8. Adams street, near corner of Main.
9. Lincoln street, corner of Main.
10. Main street, corner of Washington.
11. Main street, corner of Franklin.
12. Corner of Alfred and Main streets.
13. Main street, corner of Emery.
14. Main street, corner of Hill.
15. Sullivan street, corner of Water.
16. Water street, foot of Pike.
17. Pike street, foot of Cross.
18. Pool street, foot of Oak.
19. Pool street, near corner of Pike.
20. Pool street, near residence of P. A. Freeman.
21. Pool street, near front of residence of H. P. Atkin-
son.
22. Sullivan street, near corner of Bacon.
23. Hill street, between Main and Bacon.
24. Emery street, corner of Bacon.
25. Hill street, corner of Pool.
26. Hill street, near corner of Acorn.
27. Hill street, near corner of Fall.
28. Hill street, near the Geo. W. Ward house.
29. Pool street, near corner Foss.
30. Foss street, corner of Mt. Vernon.
31. Foss street, corner of Fall.
32. Alfred street, near head of Franklin.
33. Alfred street, corner of Pool.
34. Alfred street, near corner of Washington.
35. Alfred street, corner of Birch.

36. Alfred street, near corner of Myrtle.
37. Alfred street, corner of Union.
38. Alfred street, front of residence of Lysander Emmons.
39. Alfred street, near residence Jas. H. Fogg.
40. Alfred street, near "Five Points."
41. Jefferson street, corner of Washington.
42. South street, corner of Jefferson.
43. South street, corner of Green.
44. South street, corner of Elm.
45. South street, near corner of State.
46. South street, near residence of Chas. E. Atwood.
47. South street, just above Eastern railroad bridge.
48. South street, corner of Highland.
49. Highland street, opposite residence of Charles H. Andrews.
50. Elm street, corner of Walnut.
51. Corner of Gooch and Elm streets.
52. Elm street, front of Boston & Maine freight station.
53. Elm street, corner of Pearl.
54. Elm street, head of Centre.
55. Elm street, just above Mason.
56. Elm street, corner of Union.
57. Hooper street, top of Hill.
58. Lincoln street, near corner of Stone.
59. Lincoln street, near corner of Pearl.
60. Green street, near corner of Birch.
61. Union street, corner of Graham.
62. Summer street, opposite residence of Jas. F. Wormwood.
63. Smith street, opposite Water Power foundry.
64. Wentworth street, near school house.

Property in Charge.

Following is a schedule of the property belonging to this department, except a few small articles which are not of sufficient value to enumerate.

IN STABLE.

Five horses, about two tons hay, 500 lbs. straw, 10 bushels oats, 150 lbs. shorts, two pails, two curry-combs, two brushes, three forks, dump cart, set of sleds.

IN SHEDS AND SUPPLY ROOM.

About ten tons stove coal, nine tons cannel coal, 20 gallons kerosene oil, two gallons lard oil, 15 lbs. cotton waste, 10 bars soap, four packages Savena, four cans axle-grease, set of wheels for engine No. 2, two sets fire engine grates, pick-axe, crow-bar, rake, four shovels, four wire brushes, window brush, two dozen leather plungers, two dozen rubbers and springs for pump valves, two pounds Putz Pomade, 10 plain nozzles, two-way Siamese hydrant connection, Siamese for dividing stream, two section hose spanners, two leading hose spanners, one dozen rubber gaskets, spare engine pole, wheel jack, set of Morse coupling tools, five axe handles.

IN RICHARD VINES ENGINE HOUSE.

Steam fire engine "Richard Vines" and hose reel, with pole, whipple trees, yoke and trace chains, carrying beside hose the following: two lengths leather and one length rubber suction, two brass play pipes and nozzles, two limber pipes with nozzles, two lanterns, oil cans, hammer, shovel, spanners, monkey and other wrenches.

Hose wagon, with pole, whipple-trees and chains, equipped as follows, besides hose: One gong, two lanterns, axe, pinch-bar, four pipes with shut-off nozzles, four plain nozzles, two-way Siamese hydrant connection, two Rex fire extinguishers, Detroit door opener, Eastman pipe holder, electric wire cutter, hose straps, hydrant wrenches, spanners, rubber coats for board of engineers and pipemen.

Hose sleds with pole and gong, carrying the same tools used on the hose wagon.

In the house: set of swinging harnesses, set of work harnesses, two street blankets, two stall blankets, two fly nets, 12 chairs, two coal stoves, table, clock, bench and vise, two wire hose brushes, small house hose and pipe, sprinkler, lantern, tackle and fall, oil can, flue cleaner, spreader and whipple-trees, coal hod, files, feather duster, three spittoons, 3150 feet of hose.

IN EBEN SIMPSON ENGINE HOUSE.

Steam fire engine "Eben Simpson" and hose reel, with pole, whipple-trees, yoke and trace chains, equipped besides the hose with the following: two lengths leather and one rubber lined suction, two brass play pipes and nozzles, two limber pipes with nozzles, two lanterns, oil can, hose straps, spanners, monkey and other wrenches, shovel, hammer, two rubber coats and small tools.

In the house: set of swinging harnesses, set of work harnesses, two street blankets, 10 chairs, table, clock, bench and vise, files, two lanterns, ice tongs, two coal stoves, coal hod, sprinkler, tackle and fall, house hose and pipe, two wire hose brushes, three rubber spittoons, two oil cans, flue cleaner, feather duster, iron jack, spreader and whipple-trees, 3100 feet of hose.

HOOK AND LADDER HOUSE.

Hook and ladder truck with pole, whipple-trees, yoke and chains, gong, 56 foot Bangor extension ladder, four ground ladders—15, 20, 25, 30 foot, two roof ladders—15, 20 foot, three lanterns, large hook and pole, chain and rope, two large hooks and poles, four axes, tin roof cutter, hammer, eight plaster hooks, five ladder dogs, 400 feet rope.

The house is supplied with table, six chairs, coal stove, coal hod, oil can.

FIRE ALARM APPARATUS.

Striker and machinery connected with the Methodist church bell, steam gong and machinery on electric light station, 20 Gardner non-interference boxes and the wire necessary to connect same, three house indicators, two house gongs, two di-

rect acting tappers—one in office and one in chief's residence, 76 cell battery, four circuit switch board, five galvanometers, four lightning arresters.

CHIEF'S ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

One roll-top desk, five chairs, table, clock, coal stove, two sinks, iron pail, coal hod, 300 pounds blue vitrol, 75 battery zincs, 90 coppers, one-half dozen rubber hooks, one dozen glass insulators, eight glass jars, two pounds whiting, saw, chisel, hammer, two small hammers, two nippers, two screw drivers, 200 pounds iron fire alarm wire, two set link blocks, copper dipper, strainer and water pot, oil can, two lanterns, four fire axes, one plaster hook, two hose straps, auger, brace and four bits, work bench with horses, brass bending posts, screws and other small articles

Financial Statement,

The following is a statement of the bills approved by this department, with the appropriations and credits:

Appropriation, 1894-5.	\$7,000 00	
Credits,	857 00	
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Bills approved,		7,632 52
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		\$224 48

UNEXPENDED.

Appropriation, 1895-6,	\$9,000 00	
Credits,	729 00	
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Bills approved,		9,588 35
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Unexpended,		\$140 65

Apparatus.

The fire apparatus belonging to this department consists of two steam fire engines and hose reels, one hose wagon, one hose pung and one hook and ladder truck.

The steamer "Richard Vines" is in good condition and will need but few if any repairs the coming year.

A set of new flues have been put into the boiler of the "Eben Simpson" the past winter thus putting this engine in first class condition.

The hose wagon and pung are in good order and will need no repairs for some time to come.

In my report of the previous year attention was called to the condition of the hook and ladder truck and provision should be made for putting it in good condition. It forms a very important part of the fire apparatus and its value cannot be overestimated.

BUILDINGS.

Early in the year the committee on fire department made a careful inspection of the buildings belonging to this department and under their authority alterations and improvements were made and two coats of paint were put on all of the buildings, inside and out. The changes made in the interior of the engine houses make them much more convenient, besides saving valuable time in responding to fire calls.

HORSES.

Late in the fall the committee on fire department purchased a pair of horses to take the place of those hauling the hose wagon. They are now in active service and have proved themselves to be as represented both as regards disposition and adaptability for the kind of work required of them.

Considering the age of the old horses and the length of time they had performed fire duty it was the unanimous sentiment of the committee that when they were no longer needed by the department they should be killed rather than sold and be liable to abuse. One has already been killed.

The department now has two pair of good horses.

TEAMS.

One dump cart and a set of sleds comprise the teams belonging to this department, both in excellent condition.

HOSE.

During the past two years no hose has been purchased, while during that time the supply on hand has been gradually

diminishing so that at the present time there is only 6250 feet against 7100 last year. While that now in service has the appearance of being reliable and might stand considerable usage it would not be safe to rely upon it much longer. The very next fire is likely to be the means of throwing much of it out of service and the supply ought not to be less than 7,000 feet.

HYDRANTS.

Since July 1, 1895, the hydrants have been in charge of this department. Now that the annual rental has expired this service should be increased from year to year until all property within the fire limits is fully protected by the location of hydrants in its immediate vicinity. Since this valuable service was introduced many new buildings have been erected in localities which are not sufficiently guarded in this respect.

The service pipes of the B. & S. Water Co. should be extended in many directions, and especially in the following: From Union street to Five Points by way of Elm; from Pool to Water by way of Clifford and George streets; from Hill out Granite street. A hydrant is needed in the vicinity and above the Boston & Maine railroad on Main street. South and Main streets should be connected by way of either Bradbury or State streets. If pipes could be laid in above cases hydrants could be advantageously located.

The hydrant at Smith's corner is in a very undesirable position by reason of its close proximity to the sewer which empties into the river at this point. During the extreme cold weather every precaution has to be used and with the utmost care it is liable to be found frozen. Would recommend that it be placed near the corner of Elm and River streets.

FIRE ALARM.

The fire alarm service has been very much improved the past year by the addition of a ten-inch steam gong which is located upon the electric light station. There is now no trouble but what an alarm of fire can be heard in any part of the city without difficulty and the boxes have even been counted a distance of nine miles.

The system from King's corner to Five Points has been entirely rebuilt and without expense to the city. The New England Telegraph and Telephone Co. the past winter put in an entirely new set of poles between these two points and they kindly changed the city wire to their poles.

Twice during the year there was a slight interruption to the service. Once by telegraph wire getting crossed with the alarm wire, and again during a severe wind in December the line was broken by the falling of a large limb from a tree on South street.

Remarks.

A great source of annoyance the past year has been the constantly breaking out of fire in the dump at the lower end of the city, and something should be done to abate this nuisance. The character of a great part of the matter which is dumped there by the corporations is highly combustible and easily ignited, especially during the hot weather. The department has been called seven times to this locality to extinguish fires.

As there is no doubt but what the present quarters occupied by the two steam fire engines will be used for that purpose for several years at least, we would suggest that your honorable body consider the advisability of introducing steam heat and thereby make a great saving in fuel besides getting much better results. At very small expense ample room could be provided under the Richard Vines house in which to place a heater.

Rubber coats properly marked under certain conditions should be furnished to members of the department. Several times woolen coats have been issued, and without any restriction as to use or care and the result has been that in a very short time many of them were totally unfit for service. While in some cases the privilege was appreciated and the coats carefully cared for, in many instances it was the reverse. But we believe that rubber could be provided for the members of the department under such conditions as would insure good care.

In the last annual report of this department it was sug-

gested that the citizens ought to take more interest in it by calling at the houses and inspecting the apparatus and familiarizing themselves with its work and needs. We have noticed during the year a great improvement in this respect and especially since the fine exhibition that was made during Merchants' week as to the time in which it could make the run to King's corner and put water through the hose. The members of the department take pride in showing visitors about the houses and stables and explaining the uses of the various implements connected with fire service.

In closing we wish to express our thanks to Mayor Hamilton for courtesies received at his hands ; to the City Council for their interest in this department ; to the Committee on Fire Department for their efforts in promoting its efficiency and conveniences ; to Marshal Harmon and the police force for efficient aid cooperation ; to Assistants Blair and Sullivan for their prompt and cheerful attention and counsel, and to all members of the department who have contributed in any way conducive to its good service and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE M. WATSON,

Chief Engineer.

Biddeford, Feb. 1, 1896.

City Marshal's Report.

To the Honorable Police Board of the City of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the annual report of the City Marshal of the city of Biddeford for the year ending November 30th, 1895.

The police force consists of marshal, one deputy marshal, five regular patrolmen, three regular Sunday police, one policeman who is janitor of the police station, and a reserve force of twenty-five men. The total number of arrests during the year was 591, and for the following named offenses:

Assault,	69
Attempting to break and enter,	2
Affray,	15
Breaking and entering,	5
Cruelty to animals,	1
Disturbing the public peace,	1
Disturbing religious meeting,	7
Evading payment of railroad fare,	1
Forgery,	4
Intoxication,	395
Indecent exposure of person,	1
Larceny,	22
Malicious mischief,	8
Maintaining a nuisance,	2
Maintaining gambling house,	1
Obtaining money by false pretence,	1
Profane and abusive language,	1
Peace warrant,	1
Peddling without license,	5
Search and seizure of intoxicating liquors,	1

Sending threatening letters,	1
Tramps and vagrants,	46
Unlawful disturbing an assembly,	1
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Total,	591

Our department, in consequence of the loss of our City building, December 30th, 1895, has experienced many inconveniences. Not having any station we were obliged to depend upon our sister city of Saco, through their genial official, Marshal Miles, to furnish us one, and for his kindness in this respect and other assistance that he has rendered me and this department during the year, I hereby express to him my thanks.

Since February 16, 1895, we have had temporary quarters for station in the Bryant building on Main street, having four cells constructed of plank which we have used to lock up all prisoners who have committed misdemeanor, and all persons who have been arrested charged with felony have been locked up in Saco jail. The same good order has prevailed throughout the city during the last year that prevailed during the year preceding it which causes this city to be characterized at the present time as the most orderly and best behaved in the land. The standard efficiency of the force for the last year has compared favorably with it at any time in the past.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Again I feel constrained to suggest to your honorable body that one more regular patrolman be added to the present force to patrol that part of the city extending from Pool street up Alfred street to the High school building, thence easterly to Granite street, down Granite and Hill streets to Pool street, as at the present time this part of the city has very little police protection, our present force not being sufficient to patrol it. I will also suggest that as soon as the finances of the city will permit, that a police telegraph and patrol wagon be furnished this department. With these I think that the service which will be rendered by the force will be much more efficient than under present conditions. In conclusion I will say that to

your Honorable Board for your kindness in words and deeds bestowed upon me I hereby extend to you my most sincere thanks and to Judge Cram and Recorder Weymouth I am under obligations for good counsel and legal advice and to Deputy Marshal Mogan for his valuable assistance, and at all times co-operation in the duties pertaining to this department, and to the force in general for the good results obtained. To you all I extend thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

/CHARLES B. HARMON,
City Marshal.

Biddeford, Nov. 30th, 1895.

Overseers of Poor Report.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor for the years 1895 and 1896 :

Number of deaths at Farm,	4
" cared for at the Farm the past year,	61
" discharged at the Farm,	4
" at present,	53
For putting in steam at Farm, G. A. Anthoine,	2150 00
Paid J. W. Muttart, bill for painting,	315 00
" Mrs. Rivers and Mrs. Whalen for cleaning,	32 00
" Levi W. Howe, for putting in cellar,	275 83
" Frank E. Hooper, for building,	125 00
" Banks Bros., bills for lumber,	87 00
" C. B. Harmon, for mowing machine,	45 00
" Nelson Robedeau for cutting wood,	86 00
" J. W. Locke and B. F. Lombard for cows,	100 00
" F. H. Speare for harnesses and repairs of same,	72 00
" S. S. Andrews for plow,	8 00
" Joe Guiney for three months' work,	48 00
" S. G. Smith for haying,	25 00
" Frank Irish, as superintendent of Farm,	500 00
" Mattie Gurney as help at Farm,	144 00
" Fred A. Little as driver at Farm,	300 00
" Mike Goslen for work at Farm,	13 00
" Hill & Burnham for coal at Farm	} 407 00
" Joseph Landry, " "	
" E. C. Luques, " "	
" J. H. Whitten, repairs on wagon,	10 75
" E. S. Gowen, E. Lunt and G. F. Piper for horse shoeing,	35 60
" G. A. Anthoine, repairs of steam and hardware,	252 96

" T. D. Proctor for lumber,		107 75
" John Emmons for beds and other goods,		65 80
Hats, boots, shoes and rubbers at Farm,		87 00
" H. W. Ayer, G. W. Donnell, C. H. Leighton, dry goods and clothing,		137 00
" F. E. Hooper and Jeff McDonald for repairs,		53 00
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		\$5,483 69
Paid for groceries and grain,	\$973 00	
" manure and phosphate,	134 00	
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		\$6,590 69
Paid for Pauper department on street,		\$10,158 13
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Total amount drawn to date,		\$16,748 82

MICHAEL CONLON,	} Overseers of the Poor.
GEO. W. CARTER,	
VICTOR GARNACHE,	

Mayors of the City from 1855 to Date.

- 1855-6, Daniel E. Somes, Rep.
1857, James Andrews, Rep.
1858-9, Cyrus Gordon, Dem.
1860, Jonathan Tuck, Dem.
Esreff H. Banks, Rep., unexpired term of Jonathan Tuck.
1861-2, Seth S. Fairfield, Dem.
1863-4, John Q. Adams, Dem.
1865-6, Charles A. Shaw, Dem.
1867-8, Ferguson Haines, Dem.
1869, James R. Clark, Dem.
1870-1, E. W. Wedgwood, Dem.
1872, Francis G. Warren, Dem.
1873, James A. McMullen, Rep.
1874-5, Francis G. Warren, Dem.
1876, John H. Burnham, Dem.
1877, Alfred Pierce, Rep.
1878, Charles M. Moses, Rep.
1879, James A. Strout, Dem.
1880, Charles M. Moses, Rep.
1881-2, Elisha E. Clark, Rep.
1883-5, E. W. Staples, Dem.
1886-7, Samuel F. Parcher, Dem.
1888-9, C. E. Goodwin, Dem.
1890-3, E. W. Staples, Dem.
1894-5, Charles S. Hamilton, Rep.
1896, Carlos Heard, Citizens and Dem.

Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council.

RULE 1. At the commencement of the municipal year the following joint standing committees shall be appointed by the Mayor, unless otherwise ordered by the respective Boards, viz :

ON FINANCE.—To consist of the Mayor, one Alderman, and three members of the Common Council.

ON ACCOUNTS—To consist of one Alderman, and two members of the Common Council.

ON PUBLIC PROPERTY—To consist of the Mayor, one Alderman, and three members of the Common Council.

ON PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY—To consist of the Mayor, one Alderman, the President and two members of the Common Council.

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT—To consist of two Aldermen, and three members of the Common Council.

ON PRINTING—To consist of one Alderman and two members of the Common Council.

ON POOR—To consist of two Aldermen and three members of the Common Council.

ON ORDINANCES—To consist of the Mayor, and two members of the Common Council.

ON ROADS, STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS—To consist of the Mayor, two Aldermen and four members of the Common Council.

On all joint committees wherein it is provided that the Mayor shall be a member, in case of the non-election, decease, inability, or absence of that officer, the chairman of the Board of Aldermen shall act ex officio.

The member of the Board of Aldermen first named on

every joint committee, of which the Mayor is not a member, shall be its chairman ; and in case of his resignation or inability, the other members of the same board in the order in which they are named; and after them the members of the Common Council first in order, shall call the meetings of the committee, and act as chairman.

RULE 2. In every case of disagreement between the two branches of the City Council, if either Board shall request a conference, and appoint a committee of conference, and the other Board shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committees shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed upon by their chairmen, meet and state to each other verbally, or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons of their respective board, for and against the matter in controversy, confer freely thereon, and report to their respective branches.

RULE 3. When either Board shall not concur in any action of the other, notice of non-concurrence shall be given by written messages.

RULE 4. Either board may propose to the other for its concurrence, a time to which both Boards shall adjourn ; and neither shall adjourn without giving notice to the other Board, and receiving notice from said other Board that it is also ready to adjourn.

RULE 5. In all votes, when either or both branches of the City Council express anything by way of command, the form of expression shall be "ORDERED;" and when either or both branches express opinions, principles, facts or purposes, the form shall be "RESOLVED."

RULE 6. No committee shall act by separate consultation, and no report shall be received, unless agreed to in committee actually assembled.

RULE 7. It shall be the duty of every joint committee, to whom any subject may be specially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or ask for further time.

RULE 8. The reports of all committees, agreed to by a majority of the members, shall be made to the board in which

the business referred to originated, and all committees may report by ordinance, or otherwise.

RULE 9. All reports and other papers, submitted to the City Council, shall be written in a fair hand; and no report of any kind shall be endorsed on the memorials or other papers referred to the committee of either branch; and the clerk shall make copies of any papers to be reported by committees, at the request of the respective chairman thereof.

RULE 10. No business shall be transacted by the City Council in convention, except such as shall have been agreed upon, unless by unanimous consent.

RULE 11. After the annual appropriations have been passed no subsequent expenditures shall be authorized for any object, unless provision for the same shall be made by a specific transfer from some of the appropriations contained in the annual resolutions, or by expressly creating therefor a city debt; but no such debt shall be created, unless the resolution authorizing the same pass by the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the whole number of each branch of the City Council voting by yeas and nays.

RULE 12. Every joint resolution shall have as many readings in each Board as the rules of each Board require, after which the question shall be on passing the same; and when the same shall have been passed, it shall be sent to the other Board for concurrence; and when such resolutions shall have been passed by each Board, the same shall be enrolled by the City Clerk, and examined by a committee of the Common Council; and on being correctly enrolled, without further reading or question, shall be signed by the President of the Common Council and sent to the other Board, when a like examination shall be made by a committee of that Board; and if found correctly enrolled, the same shall be presented to the Mayor for his signature.

RULE 13. Every ordinance shall have as many readings as the rules of each Board require, after which the question shall be on passing the same to be enrolled, and it shall be

sent to the other Board for concurrence ; and when such ordinance shall have so passed to be enrolled in each Board, the same shall be enrolled by the City Clerk, and examined by a committee of the Common Council ; and on being found by said committee to be correctly enrolled, the same shall be reported to the Council, when the question shall be on passing the same to be ordained, and when said ordinance shall have so passed to be ordained, it shall be signed by the President of the Common Council and sent to the other Board, where a like examination shall be made by a committee of that Board ; and if found to be correctly enrolled, the same shall be reported to the Board, and the question shall be on passing the same to be ordained ; and when the same shall have passed to be ordained, it shall be signed by the Mayor.

RULE 14. No enrolled ordinance or resolution shall be amended.

RULE 15. No chairman of any committee shall audit or approve any bill or account against the city, for any supplies or services which shall not have been ordered or authorized by the committee.

RULE 16. No vote by which an order, resolve or ordinance has been passed in its final stage, shall be reconsidered in either Board, after the same has been finally acted upon in either Board, unless the motion for reconsideration be made or notice given at the same meeting at which the vote to be reconsidered passed ; and when any order, resolve or ordinance shall have been rejected, no other substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member, during the municipal year, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

RULE 17. No member of either Board shall be allowed to serve or vote on any committee to which any question is referred where his private right or interest is concerned ; distinct from the public interest.

RULE 18. None of the foregoing joint rules and orders shall be suspended, amended or appealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto.

Rules and Orders of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

RULE 1. The Mayor shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting, and call the members to order ; and a quorum being present, shall cause the minutes of the preceding meeting to be read. In the absence of the Mayor, the Board shall elect a president, pro tempore.

RULE 2. He shall preserve decorum and order ; may speak to points of order in preference to other members ; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board by motion regularly seconded ; and no other business shall be in order till the question on the appeal is decided.

RULE 3. He may read sitting, but shall rise to state a motion or put a question.

RULE 4. He shall declare all votes ; but if a vote is doubted he shall cause a return of the members voting in the affirmative, and in the negative, without debate.

RULE 5. He shall take the sense of the Board in yeas and nays, on all questions whatsoever, provided any member shall so request.

RULE 6. After a motion is stated or read by the presiding officers, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board and shall be disposed of by vote.

RULE 7. When a question is under debate, the presiding officer shall receive no motion but to adjourn, lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

RULE 8. Every member when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer, confine himself

to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. No member shall speak while out of his place without leave.

RULE 9. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another but by a call to order, or to correct a mistake.

RULE 10. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until other members choosing to speak shall have spoken.

RULE 11. Every member, who shall be present when a question is put, shall give his vote unless the Board shall excuse him.

RULE 12. Every ordinance shall pass through the following stages, before it shall be considered as having received the final action of this Board; viz :—first reading, second reading, passage to be enrolled, passage to be ordained ; and every joint resolution shall have two several readings, before the question shall be taken on its final passage.

RULE 13. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the presiding officer shall so direct, or any member request it.

RULE 14. The following standing committees of the Board shall be appointed, viz :

On Elections,

On Police,

On Licenses,

On Enrolled Bills.

The Committees on Police and on License to consist of the Mayor and two Aldermen, and each of the others to consist of three Aldermen.

RULE 15. Committees of the Board, to whom any matter is specially referred, shall be required to report within four weeks, or ask for further time.

RULE 16. All committees shall be appointed and announced by the Mayor, unless the Board shall determine otherwise.

RULE 17. The foregoing rules and orders shall be observed in all cases unless suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, for a specific purpose.

Rules and Orders of the Common Council.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

RULE 1. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour appointed for the meeting and shall call the members to order. Before proceeding to business, he shall cause the minutes of the preceding meeting to be read. In the absence of the President the oldest member present shall call the Council to order, and preside until a president pro tempore be chosen.

RULE 2. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Council by any two members.

RULE 3. He shall rise to address the Council, to state facts or to put a question, but may read sitting.

RULE 4. He shall declare all votes; but if a vote be doubted, the President shall without further debate, require the members voting in the affirmative and negative to rise and stand until they are counted, and he shall declare the result.

RULE 5. He may call any member to the chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment; and when out of the chair, the President may express his opinion on any subject under debate, and shall not resume the chair while the same question is pending.

RULE 6. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

RULE 7. After a motion is stated by the President, it

shall be disposed of by vote of the Council, unless the mover withdraw it before a decision or amendment.

RULE 8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 9. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate of the main question.

RULE 10. When two or more members happen to rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is to speak first.

ELECTION AND DUTY OF CLERK.

RULE 11. The Clerk of the Council shall be elected by written ballots.

RULE 12. The Clerk shall keep brief minutes of the votes and proceedings of the Council, entering thereon all accepted resolutions; shall notice reports and memorials and other papers submitted to the board, only by their titles, or a brief description of their purport.

RIGHTS, DUTIES AND DECORUM OF MEMBERS.

RULE 13. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, upon the request of any two members present.

RULE 14. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall rise in his place and respectfully address the presiding officer, confining himself to the question under debate, and avoiding personality.

RULE 15. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another but by a call to order, or to correct a mistake. If any member in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Council, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain; and the Council, if appealed to, shall decide on the case but without



debate. If the decision be in favor of the member so called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed, if otherwise, he shall not proceed without leave of the Council.

RULE 16. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Council.

RULE 17. When the President or any other member is speaking, none shall stand up or pass unnecessarily before the person speaking.

RULE 18. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it.

RULE 19. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have the preference in the order in which they are arranged, and no motion to postpone or commit shall be allowed twice in the same day in the same stage of the ordinance or proposition.

RULE 20. A motion for the reconsideration of a vote shall be open to debate, but such motion shall not be considered unless made by a member voting with the majority, or unless notice thereof be given at the meeting at which the vote passed, in which case the motion shall be made at the next meeting after, and only one motion for the re-consideration of any vote shall be permitted.

RULE 21. Every member who shall be in the Council when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Council for special reasons excuse him.

RULE 22. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under discussion, shall be admitted under color of an amendment.

RULE 23. All motions and reports may be committed or recommitted at the pleasure of the Council.

RULE 24. The division of a question may be called for when the sense will admit of it.

RULE 25. When the reading of a paper is called for and objected to, it shall be determined by a vote of the Council.

RULE 26. No rule or order of the Council shall be repealed or amended without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor, nor unless a majority of the whole Council concur therein.

RULE 27. No member shall be obliged to serve on more than two committees at the same time, or be the chairman of more than one.

RULE 28. Members of the Council may attend meetings of its Committees, but shall not vote thereat.

RULE 29. Every member shall take notice of the day and hour to which the Council stands adjourned, and shall give his punctual attendance accordingly; and shall attend all special meetings properly called.

RULE 30. The rules and orders of the Council shall be observed in all cases unless suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, for specific purposes.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, ETC.

RULE 31. All memorials, and other papers addressed to the Council, shall be presented by the President, or by a member in his place, who shall explain the subject thereof, and they shall be taken up in the order in which they were presented, unless the Council shall otherwise direct.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

RULE 32. All ordinances and resolutions shall have two several readings before they shall be finally passed by the Council.

RULE 33. No ordinance or resolution imposing penalties or authorizing the expenditure of money, shall have more than one reading the same day.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

RULE 34. All Committees, except such as the Council determine to select by ballot, shall be nominated by the President.

RULE 35. Standing Committees shall be appointed on the following subjects: On Elections and Returns, on Enrolled Bills—each to consist of three members.

RULE 36. No Committee shall sit during the sitting of the Council, without special leave, except the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

RULE 37. The rules of proceedings in the Council shall be observed in Committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking.

RULE 38. When a Committee is nominated by the Chair, the person first named shall be the chairman. In election of Committees by ballot, when a chairman is not specially chosen the person having the highest number of votes shall act as chairman, and in case of an equality of votes between two or more candidates of a Committee, the members thereof shall choose a chairman.

RULE 39. All Committees of the Council shall consist of three members, unless a different number be specially ordered. And no report shall be received from any Committee, unless agreed to in Committee actually assembled, and all reports shall be in writing.

RULE 40. It shall be the duty of every Committee of the Council to whom any subject may be specially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or ask for further time.

Contract between the City of Biddeford and the Biddeford and Saco Water Company.

The memorandum of agreement made and entered into at Biddeford, in the State of Maine, this third day of January, A. D. 1884, by and between the City of Biddeford, a body corporate and politic established by law, by the Mayor of said city, hereunto duly authorized by vote of the City Council, approved March 24th, 1884, and acting within the scope of said order, party of the first part, and the Biddeford & Saco Water Company, a corporation established and organized under the laws of the State of Maine, and having a place of business at Biddeford, party of second part. Witnesses :

That for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, the party of the second part agrees with the party of the first part, that water from the Saco river shall be introduced into said city of Biddeford by a twenty (20) inch hydraulic main, within one year from January 1st, 1884, and shall lay before October 1st, 1886, not less than the following quantities of pipe in addition to the twenty inch main, viz: 4,000 feet of sixteen (16) or twelve (12) inch pipe, 10,000 feet of eight (8) inch pipe, 10,000 feet of six (6) inch pipe, 6,000 feet of four (4) inch pipe, and that said party of the second part will furnish water for the extinguishment of fires for such number of post hydrants, not less than forty (40) as said first party may locate, at any time on any street or place where said Company may locate and lay down its pipes while the works are under construction, and until January 1st, 1886, and order set with suitable gates, pipes, and connections, so as to connect said hydrants with the pipes of the Company. All hydrants, gates, pipes, and connections required by said City until January 1st, 1886, shall be furnished and the work done at the sole expense of

the party of the second part, provided however, that after January 1st, 1886, the said City may at its own expense furnish hydrants, gates, and pipes, and lay the same ready to be connected by said Company with the pipes, and said Company shall connect the same at the expense of said City.

Said party of the first part agrees to pay said second party for each and every hydrant set by said Company, or by said City, and maintained and kept in good repair by said Company the sum of fifty (50) dollars per annum, payable in advance, one-half each on the first day of July and January of each year until July 1st, 1895, provided that after July 1st, 1895, all hydrants shall become the property of said City, and shall be maintained and kept in repair at the expense of said City.

The said Company shall furnish all hydrants owned by said City with water for the extinguishment of fires after July 1st, 1895, without charge being made to said City; said party of the second part also agrees to furnish said party of the first part, without charge being made therefor, water for three (3) drinking fountains for man and beast, the flow of water to be sufficient for a supply of water for said fountains.

Also for five (5) cup fountains, with self-closing cocks, to be used for persons only; all said fountains to be furnished, set and connected with the pipes of said Company at the expense of said City.

In consideration of the premises, the party of the first part agrees to exempt the property of said corporation necessary and used for the purpose of supplying water under its charter, and its capital stock from taxation for the term of thirty (30) years from Oct. 1st, 1883, and during the said thirty years the said Company shall have the exclusive right to lay pipes in the streets of said City for supplying water for municipal, domestic and manufacturing purposes, and to establish tariff rates therefor, and said Company agrees to furnish said City with water during said time for the purposes above enumerated; but in case of accident or the extension of said work, time is to be given for repairs and making said extension.

It is further mutually agreed that the water to be furnished

as above specified shall be supplied and regulated by such reasonable rules and regulations as said Company may establish for its management, provided that the location and elevation of the reservoir at the time of location shall be satisfactory to the Committee on Water, but it shall not be less than two hundred (200) feet above mean low tide to the top of the cap stone, and that the kind of post hydrant to be adopted and set in said City shall be satisfactory to the Committee on Fire Department.

In the event of any dispute or disagreement which may hereafter arise between the City of Biddeford and the said Water Company by reason of this agreement or any other cause which may occur between the said Water Company and City, it shall be settled by reference to three disinterested men, one to be selected by said City, one to be selected by said Company, and the third to be selected by the two parties already named, and their decision, when made, shall be final and binding upon both parties.

The party of the second part reserves the right to annul this contract, provided said party of the second part cannot within six months of January 1st, 1884, for a satisfactory compensation, acquire from the corporations claiming to own the water of said river for manufacturing purposes, the right to take and use the water of Saco river for the purposes named in the charter of the party of the second part.

In witness whereof we have hereunto interchangably set our hands and seals this third day of January, A. D., 1884.

Biddeford and Saco Water Company, by

J. P. GILMAN, President. [L. S.]

GEO. P. WESCOTT, Treasurer. [L. S.]

E. W. STAPLES, Mayor. [L. S.]

Countersigned by

N. B. WALKER, City Solicitor.

Biddeford Fire Alarm.

NO.	LOCATION.
25.	At Smith's Corner, in front of Mosher's Block.
26.	On Elm street, near Main opposite the end of Irish & Stride's store.
27.	On Main street, near corner of Western Avenue.
28.	On Highland street, near corner of Main.
29.	On South street near residence of H. G. Holmes.
34.	At King's Corner, near residence of J. B. Palmer.
35.	At corner of South and Green streets, opposite residence of W. A. Roberts.
36.	On Elm street, near Brick Yard.
37.	On Alfred street, near residence of Nathaniel Kimball.
38.	On Union street, near residence of V. A. Sprague.
43.	On Alfred street, near residence of J. B. Murphy.
45.	On Summer street, corner of Mt. Vernon street.
46.	On Pool street, near the Methodist church.
47.	On Pool street, near Pike street.
48.	On Pool street, opposite residence of H. P. Atkinson.
49.	On Bacon street, near corner of Pierson's Lane.
54.	Opposite entrance to Old City Building.
56.	At Richard Vines Engine House, Washington street.
57.	On Main street, corner of Alfred, near Meed's Block.
58.	On Main street, opposite foot of Hill street.

Payment of Bills.

Regular monthly meetings of City Council, second Monday evening in each month at 7.30 o'clock.

PAY DAYS—Schools, second day of each month; other departments first and third Thursdays of each month.

All bills against the city must be presented at the City Clerk's office on the Saturday preceding the pay days before 4.30 p. m., for inspection of Committee on Accounts. All bills not so presented will remain over until the next pay day.

All bills presented for payment must be approved by the proper officers, and must specify what the article or articles were for and for what department, and when for labor, where it was performed, with proper dates.

Items charged to different departments MUST be made on separate bills.

When bills have been once presented, ascertain if allowed before duplicating the amount on a subsequent bill.

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